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By e-mail to SDNP
FAO of Samuel Bethwaite

31st January 2023

Dear Sir

**SDNP/22/05808/FUL Addition of Solar PV panels to roof, Stanmer Park**

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to proposed development affecting a site listed by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks and Gardens as per the above application. The Sussex Gardens Trust (SGT) is a member organisation of the GT and works in partnership with it in respect of the protection and conservation of registered sites, and is authorised by the GT to respond on GT's behalf in respect of such consultations.

Representatives of SGT visited the site in 2020 and in a letter dated 4th Mar 2020, in relation to the original application, asked for the visual impact to be further tested. Subsequently a Viewpoint Assessment was prepared and the Officer's report noted that the barn sits within the existing vegetation. This Viewpoint Assessment would be marginally affected by the addition of solar panels and railings as now proposed. The building will still be screened by existing vegetation, although there may be glimpsed views in winter and possibly reflections from the panels. However this is unlikely to change the assessment of harm and, for this reason, SGT does not object to the application.

Yours faithfully

Jim Stockwell.
On behalf of the Sussex Garden Trust.

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