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By e-mail to SDNP
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Dear Sir

SDNP/23/00089/HOUS Plumpton Place, Plumpton, East Sussex BN7 3AF

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 have visited the site in years past and were consulted in 2020 at a pre-app stage on a range of changes being considered across the listed site, including the area involved in this application (described in 2020 as The Barn and Productive Garden). Looking at the overall Landscape Concept for the entire, SGT commented in 2020 that *"… we are very impressed with the ambition, scope and Concept Design and the Heritage Statement and Impact Assessment is comprehensive. The documents are most interesting and clear evidence of thorough investigation and analysis. The proposals do on the whole restore and enhance the character of the site, both that created by Lutchens' work and its earlier phases.*" The current application deals solely with the Barn and Productive Garden area and, while there are changes in detail from the 2020 plans, the concept is much the same and in some respects, improved. For instance, the garage building is to be retained and the new glasshouse has been repositioned on the footprint of part of the stables being demolished, thus retaining to some degree the existing form. Boulton and Paul stables, such as these, have contributed much to gardens and garden

history in the early – mid 20th century. Whilst it is unfortunate that so many are being demolished, it is helpful that at least some are being retained. If any of the internal fittings still exist, it might be possible to incorporate them in some way within the converted structures, hence at least giving a nod to the historic significance of the stables.

Conclusion

Sussex Gardens Trust welcomes and supports this application

Yours faithfully

Jim Stockwell.
On behalf of the Sussex Garden Trust.
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