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Dear Sirs,

SDNP/23/04867/FUL PLANNING APPLICATION FOR VARIOUS WORKS AT HOLLYCOMBE HOUSE

Thank you for consulting Sussex Gardens Trust (SGT) and 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 Garden. 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 carefully studied the documents submitted with the application. The proposed works would have significant impact on Hollycombe House, which is included on the Register with a Grade II* designation.

SGT welcomes the ambition and level of investment involved with this extensive and complex set of proposals. With more time and the opportunity for a site visit we might have provided comments on specific details. However, based on a desktop review, we haven't seen anything that raises a concern and we note the application has followed good practice by assessing the significance of the site and the impact of the proposals on that significance. The Trust strongly supports the advice from Historic England for the development of a Conservation Management Plan – to quote HE, such a document would "*provide a clear set of policies to inform the repair, restoration work and future proposals for change at this important site. It would also provide a much needed management framework and a highly valuable resource to all those involved in making decisions about its long-term future.*"

Kind regards

Jim Stockwell
Trustee
On behalf of
Sussex Gardens Trust