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FAO Mr D Redman

13th December, 2023

Dear Sirs,

Re WD/2023/2729/MRM: 33 NEW DWELLINGS, COOPERS GREEN BUXTED,

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.

SGT commented on the previous application (WD/2020/1088) and noted the site is directly opposite the western entrance of Buxted Park, which is included on the list of registered Parks and Gardens with a Grade II* designation.

The mansion, church and the main entrance avenue to the Park are located about 1Km from the development site and would be well screened by extensive woodland. Hence the proposals would not cause any harm on the significance of these parts of the Park.

However, as with the previous application, without adequate screening the new houses would be clearly visible from the road, resulting in visual harm to the setting of the Lodge opposite and the Registered Park beyond. For this reason, SGT suggests that any approval should include a condition that existing trees, hedgerows and shrubs should be retained and additional planting established to achieve an adequate visual screen.

Kind regards

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