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Dear Sirs,

Planning application BH2024/00491: Security Shutters at Queens park Tennis Pavilion

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.

Regarding this application our comments are as follows. Unfortunately when the shutters are closed they will cause some visual harm to Queens Park, which is included on the Register of Parks and Gardens with a Grade II designation. If there are security issues and if for this reason the LPA is minded to approve the application, SGT suggests consideration should be given to minimising the visual harm by:

- Keeping the shutters open during peak daylight hours, thus eliminating the visual harm at such times
- Requiring graffiti proof paint to be used to minimise the risk of vandalism
- The green/white colour scheme reflects the colour scheme of the windows and wall. However, reversing the colours so the shutters are green and the pillars are white may be less intrusive to the setting of the park

Overall Sussex Gardens Trust neither supports nor objects to this planning application.

Yours faithfully

Jim Stockwell

On behalf of the Sussex Gardens Trust.

CC: The Gardens Trust