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Dear Sirs

Re DISC/24/0014. Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 6 to approved application DC/22/2229 Leonardslee Gardens, Lower Beeding, West Sussex

Thank you for consulting reconsulting Sussex Gardens Trust on this application.

In earlier correspondence both SGT and Historic England advised that the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) submitted with the original discharge application should be developed further (see SGT letter dated 12th March 2024 and HE letter dated 3rd March 2024). Earlier this month an updated version of the CMP (Revision 3 – October 2024) was submitted. Whilst this doesn't fully address all the points raised by SGT and Historic England, SGT is pleased to see the inclusion several changes and in particular plans mentioned at page 45 for "*cyclical updating at intervals of five years … and to update the Gazetteer, to support the continual maintenance of Leonardslee*".

SGT believes the CMP should be seen as a living document that helps guide the management of the Gardens. The Gazetteer identifies many actions required in the different areas. We suggest it would be beneficial for Leonardslee to bring these together quite soon to identify their own overarching programmes of (i) periodic routine maintenance activities; and (ii) specific projects – prioritised with timescales for their implementation.

Both HE and SGT have advised that a suitably qualified Landscape Architect could helpfully be engaged to assist with aspects of this work.

Yours faithfully

Jim Stockwell.

On behalf of the Sussex Garden Trust

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