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SDNP/24/04513/LIS and SDNP/24/04512/HOUS Plumpton Place Landscaping Works

Thank you for consulting Sussex Gardens Trust (SGT) and the Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to proposed developments 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.

Agents for the applicant consulted Sussex Gardens Trust some four years ago regarding a Concept Design for changes at Plumpton Place. On 22nd Oct 2020 SGT commented "Overall we are very impressed with the ambition and scope. The Concept Design and the Heritage Statement and Impact Assessment are comprehensive. The documents are most interesting and show 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 Lutyens' work and its earlier phases."

The scope of the present application includes much of the area dealt with in the 2020 documents and, having studied the latest documents, it is clear the latest design is close to the original. Hence SGT is again pleased to support the application.

As in 2020, we just add that SGT has collaborated with the University of Berkley, California and all of Jekyll's plans and some correspondence for Plumpton Place are available via this link https://calisphere.org/item/d018e7a4-2b2a-4152-bbce-125ba0289886/ . This collection of documents includes her planting plans on the east side of the lake and it would be advantageous if these are referenced where possible in the planting plans in due course and used to celebrate Jekyll's contribution to the garden heritage.

Kind regards
Jim Stockwell
Trustee
On behalf of
Sussex Gardens Trust