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Dear Sirs,

**Planning application BH2025/00671: Bowling Greens Preston Park: Installation of Sand Courts**

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.

We note the curtilage of the application site includes the pavilion to the NE which was designed by MacLaren and constructed circa 1920s. We don't agree that the *'…proposed sand court has no impact on the architectural character of Preson Park* '. The change from being flanked by smooth green lawns to varied hard surfaces will inevitably impact detrimentally on the setting of the building and the wider park setting.

The application doesn't provide an explanation on whether the facilities of the pavilion will be used by people using the courts. if so, will this affect the management and maintenance of the building?

However, 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