Subject: Re: Planning Application No BH2025/01627
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Thank you for consulting Sussex Gardens Trust (SGT). The Gardens Trust (GT), (a statutory consultee), has also brought this application to the SGT's attention, so I am copying this reply to them.

In our earlier letter dated 23rd Nov 2023 relating to the original application (BH2023/02835) we gave detailed advice. Our overall comment was:

As a general statement SGT considers the governing strategic and design policies and the subsequent detailed proposals as described in the Development Stage Design reports (parts 1, 2 and 3) to be sound and appropriate to the realisation of the refurbishment of the garden and of the new works. The policies are soundly underpinned by the comprehensive and rigorous Heritage Statement which establishes the significances of the garden – historic, artistic and communal - its integral role with the Pavilion in forming a wider Royal Pavilion estate, and the design rationale for both hard and soft landscaping.

On this basis SGT supported the original planning application for the restoration of the Royal Pavilion Gardens (although we advised on some aspects, particularly about night access). Successful implementation of the restoration funded by an NLF Grant will, hopefully, ensure the site is removed from the Historic England "*Heritage at Risk Register*".

Regarding the present application (BH2025/01627), we are pleased to see that efforts have been made to maximise Biodiversity Net Gain and that a substantial benefit is anticipated which would be sufficient to meet the requirement in place at the time of approval, albeit the new higher requirement is challenging. **SGT strongly supports approval of this application** to allow the restoration to proceed as planned, hence facilitating the removal of the site from the "*Heritage at Risk Register*".

Kind regards

Jim Stockwell

on behalf of Sussex Gardens Trust

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