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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 Garden Conservation Management Plan (GCMP) submitted with the original discharge application should be developed further (see SGT letters dated 12th Mar and 31st Oct2024, and HE letters dated 3rd Mar and 24th Nov 2024).

**Addendum to the GCMP**

The applicant has responded positively to these comments by commissioning the preparation of an Addendum to the GCMP. SGT welcomes the greater in-depth approach to the understanding and conservation of the site provided by this Addendum. How the comments SGT (and HE) will be addressed is clearly set out in table 1.2. Of particular value is the provision of supplementary baseline information (about the Park and Garden's cultural and natural heritage assets) and the detailed contextual reference to Historic England's Conservation Principles in establishing an overall Vision Statement. SGT approves the Vision Statement and additionally comments that this approach offers a valuable explanation to all parties involved of how such a statement is achieved – the client team, staff, volunteers and the LPA.

SGT had previously commented on the considerable areas of knowledge requiring expert survey and analysis and welcomes these now being addressed, likewise the issue of identifying landscape sensitivity in the gazetteer.

SGT welcomes the logical progression from Vision Statement through analysis of current management aspects/forces for change/identification of gaps in baseline data to the development of the additional policies and actions (complementary to the GCMP) set out in chapter 5. SGT is content with the Addendum polices, highlighting particularly policy IM1 – that the GCMP and Addendum and Building CMPs are to be jointly adopted by the Client Team and the Local Planning Authority with all plans being reviewed after 5 years.

Yours faithfully

Jim Stockwell.

On behalf of the Sussex Garden Trust

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