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Planning Application DM/25/2231 Reinstatement of tower and new orangery

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.

Representatives of SGT are familiar with the site and have studied the documents submitted with the application. The reinstated tower will be dramatic, but it is, so far as we can see, a faithful reinstatement and in keeping with the house. Although it will be highly visible from the Registered Stonehurst Park, the adjacent road and to some degree from part of Wakehurst Park, we don't believe this will be harmful to the significance of the sites. Indeed the restoration of the tower is most welcome and positive that it will appear as a landmark again and good to have this late C19/Edwardian house restored as apiece with its garden once more.

Yours faithfully

Jim Stockwell

On behalf of the Sussex Gardens Trust.

CC: The Gardens Trust