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**Stanmer House SDNP/24/05243/FUL and SDNP/24/05244/LIS Change of Use and Building Works**

The Gardens Trust (GT) is a Statutory Consultee with regard to proposed development affecting a site listed by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks and Garden. 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 and un-registered sites, and is authorised by the GT to respond on GT's behalf.

**Car Parking**

SGT has commented on several previous applications associated with Stanmer House. Parking has often been an issue, as is the case with this application. An earlier application (SDNP/24/01670/FUL) sought permission for landscape alterations to the Fountain Garden including removal of most of the 36 parking spaces to the south of the House, but to retain 11 spaces for use by Blue Badge holders only. However, the application was refused and given the temporary planning permission has expired, there is currently no permitted car parking to the South of the House. At the pre-application stage on the present application SDNPA advised:

> *"It is noted that there are large public car parks in close proximity which could serve the visitor accommodation, therefore sufficient parking in unlikely to be an issue although this should be clearly demonstrated as part of any full planning application."*

However, this comment does not appear to have been addressed in the application documents. None of them explain how the proposals will affect parking, although there is a

clear implication that additional car parking will be required. Instead of explaining how much additional parking would be required the application documents say:

> *"The applicants are seeking to retain the onsite, dedicated parking facility to the south of the building through the planning process. However, this is being dealt with outside of this application process. (D&A Statement para 5.43)"*

From SGT's perspective, it is unclear what impact there would be on parking nor how this would be managed by the applicant. Until this is clarified SGT, objects to the application.

Please re-consult Sussex Gardens Trust and the Gardens Trust in due course if and when additional information is provided on this matter.

Kind regards

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**Trustee**
**On behalf of**
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