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Dear Mr Porter

T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990

LEONARDSLEE GARDENS BRIGHTON ROAD LOWER BEEDING WEST SUSSEX RH13 6PP
Application No. DISC/24/0014

Introduction

Thank you for consulting Historic England on further revisions to the Gardens Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for Leonardslee.

We previously provided comments on the earlier versions of this document in our letters dated 11th March and 21st November 2024. We were content to defer to the advice of the LPA and its own specialists with regards to the discharge of Condition 6 - rectification works for unauthorised parking works.

Historic England Advice on the Addendum to the Gardens CMP

Historic England is pleased to see that Landscape Architects have been employed to provide an addendum to the CMP which has much to commend with in it.

The Addendum responds to our previous advice regarding providing a vision statement to guide the future planning of the estate as well policies and actions with the aim of preserving and enhancing the cultural and natural heritage significance of Leonardslee Park and Gardens.

We particularly welcome that research has been undertaken to better understand visitor numbers and visitor capacity and that there are actions to address: climate change, habitat management and the need for a conservation repair programme for vulnerable structures and components of the designed landscape.

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We strongly support the commitment to review the CMPs and the Addendum in 5 years and the action recommending the garden and buildings CMPs to be jointly adopted by the client and the LPA.

We would also be pleased to be part of the partnership working team with the other High Weald Garden and High Weald National Landscape Teams providing guidance to address shared goals and issues.

Recommendation

Historic England is content for Condition 7 relating to planning permission DC/22/2229 to be discharged.

Yours sincerely

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