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Dear Ms Penne,

RE: DC/25/0630|Erection of a detached garage.| Sedgwick Castle House Broadwater Lane Copsale West Sussex RH13 6QJ

Thank you for consulting the Gardens Trust in its role as Statutory Consultee on the above application which may have a material impact on the significance of Sedgwick Park, a Grade II registered park and garden (RPG) included by Historic England on the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest. Sedgwick Park includes formal gardens designed in 1886 by Harold Peto and Ernest George. The gardens are surrounded by the remains of earlier seventeenth and eighteen century pleasure grounds which were laid out to include the medieval castle earthworks which were developed as a separate pleasure ground.

The application concerns the construction of a detached garage at Sedgwick Castle House which is located within the western extent of the registered park and garden. Firstly, we would like to highlight that the application does not include a Heritage Statement which assesses the significance of the RPG, nor the impact the proposal will have on such significance. The application is therefore not compliant with Paragraph 207 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024).

The application site is located near to an area of Ancient Woodland, and it is noted that there are several trees within the vicinity of the site that are subject to a Tree Preservation Order. The Gardens Trust echoes and supports the recommendations set out by the Arboricultural Officer which will ensure that the protected trees will not be negatively impacted by the proposal. Further to this, The Gardens Trust agrees and supports the pre-commencement condition for specifications of external materials and surface finishes set out by the Conservation Officer.

We hope these comments will be helpful to your officers when deciding this application.

If you have any further queries, please contact us at this email address, and we would be grateful to be advised of the outcome of the application in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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