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Dear Madam,

**Planning application DC/17/0506: South Lodge, Knepp Castle. Erection of two storey side extension and rear conservatory**

The Gardens Trust (GT) is a statutory consultee on matters concerning registered parks and gardens, and is now working closely with County Garden Trusts with regard to commenting on planning applications.

The GT has advised the Sussex Gardens Trust (SGT) of this application. The Knepp Castle Estate is included in the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest with a Grade II designation. Inclusion in the Register means the Park is subject to a statutory designation, and has the same weight in policy terms under the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) as scheduled monuments and listed buildings.

The details of the application have been carefully considered by the Trust's Conservation Committee and I have been asked to comment as follows. The proposals will not affect the key sight lines within the park, but ideally the Trust would prefer to see Horsham stone used for the roof of the extension to match the existing. However it is recognised such material is exceedingly difficult to source. The lodge is late Victorian and a dark slate roof would be the best alternative if a quality slate that does not fade too much can be sourced.

Yours faithfully

Jim Stockwell  
On behalf of the Sussex Gardens Trust.  
CC: The Gardens Trust