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14th September, 2017

FAO Aimee Richardson

Dear Sirs

Re DC/17/1626 Warnham Park - Dismantling of timber framed building at Westons Place and relocation/reconstruction at Warnham Park for use as a stag heritage museum

Thank you for consulting Sussex Gardens Trust (SGT) regarding the above application. The Gardens Trust (GT) - formerly the Garden History Society (GHS) - is a statutory consultee on matters concerning registered parks and gardens, and is now working closely with County Garden Trusts such as SGT regarding commenting on planning policy and planning applications.

Representatives of the Trust have studied the documents submitted with the application and visited the site where the dismantled building is to be reconstructed in the Grade II listed Park.

The historic park forms something of an oasis in its present surroundings of large scale arable farmland, housing development, and major roads. The siting of a vernacular building in such a setting is appropriate, but given the height of the building the visual impact needs to be carefully considered. The site chosen close to the Cricket Ground clump of trees provides good screening to the west and the parkland trees to the east provide some screening, allowing just glimpsed views of the site. However, the reconstructed barn will be quite prominent when approached along the drive near the house.

Sussex Gardens Trust neither supports nor objects to the application but, to minimise the visual impact, suggests the possibility of locating the barn a few meters further back towards the Cricket Ground clump of trees should be explored. Planting new trees in front of the reconstructed barn would also help.

Yours faithfully

Jim Stockwell.

On behalf of the Sussex Garden Trust.

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