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To: Brighton and Hove City Council
Submitted via online planning system

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Dear Sir,

Re: BH2018/03541: Coldean Lane Brighton. Provision of 250 Dwellings by Erection of 6 Blocks of 6/7 stories

Thank you for consulting the Sussex Gardens Trust (SGT). The Trust has also been notified by The Gardens Trust; the statutory consultee on matters affecting registered historic parks and garden landscapes.

The Sussex Gardens Trust seeks to promote the protection, enhancement and appropriate management of designated designed historic park and gardens in Sussex, including the grade II registered Stanmer Park, in which the site of this application lies.

The SGT has read the submitted plans and supporting documents with care. It is just possible that these blocks at 7 storeys and on relatively high ground, will be viewed from the pathways on the edge of the Stanmer Great Wood, so they may be considered harmful to the setting and enjoyment of that rural walk. Nevertheless, the Trust accepts that any harm to the Park would be less than substantial.

However, the height and form of this development within Stanmer Park seems wholly out of place, and obtrusive when compared to the way the Coldean housing suburb nestles in its downland fold. A landscape solution in which a lower development merges into the hillside would be more in keeping.

Conclusion

The Trust has reservations about any major development of this site since it will result in the loss of an area of the Registered Park, even though the harm may be less than substantial. Moreover, the height and form of the present proposals seems out of place in the downland setting.

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of the Sussex Gardens Trust.
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