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To: Brighton and Hove City Council

Submitted via e-mail

31st July, 2019

Dear Sir,

Re BH2019/01809 Extensions to former Bowling Pavilion, Preston Park Brighton

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 gardens.

The park is well known to the Sussex Gardens Trust and the site has recently been inspected. The Trust is concerned that the works have already commenced and are in fact on going, but not it would seem as per the submitted drawings. This concerns the Trust because attention to detail and imposition of conditions are considered important, if the essential character of the pavilion is to be preserved.

Formerly a pavilion serving adjacent bowling greens, its function is no longer directly park related, following the release of the greens for alternative garden uses, and in this context the alterations to this pavilion are considered acceptable in principle.

Prominent in the southern part of this grade II registered historic park / garden is the impressive Rotunda Tea room. Close to this is the former bowling pavilion which is very low key in comparison and moreover is no longer the central focus to its immediate surroundings. Nevertheless, it is of some interest as a mid-20th century park pavilion including a covered verandah on three sides. It contributes positively to the park; a contribution that will be preserved, so long as the infilling of the two side secondary elevations is completed with careful attention to detail, consistent with the pavilion's original architectural detailing. The pavilion's integrity deserves the retention of the covered verandah the full length of the front (west) elevation and matching fenestration to the new side elevations. If extended in this manner then the Sussex Gardens Trust would raise no objection.

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of the Sussex Gardens Trust.

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