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Dear Sir,

**CRAWLEY 2035: CRAWLEY BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN 2020–2035 CONSULTATION**

Thank you for notifying the Sussex Gardens Trust (SGT) of the above consultation. SGT is a member of the Gardens Trust, (a national statutory consultee), and works closely with the GT on planning matters.

Representatives of SGT have reviewed the document and the Trust welcomes the inclusion of Strategic Policy HA6: Historic Parks and Gardens (as shown on page 76). Our comments on the questions posed on this section are shown below:

**Policy HA6: Historic Parks and Gardens Consultation Questions:**

→Is this policy justified and necessary? *SGT comment: Yes – locally listed parks and gardens (including those identified in the Crawley Local Plan) are “Non-designated Heritage Assets” and under the NPPF these are afforded the same protection as “Designated Heritage Assets” so this policy is essential.*

→Are the requirements set out in the policy proportionate to the significance of Crawley’s Historic Parks and Gardens as a heritage asset? *SGT Comment - Yes*

→Does the policy need to explain more clearly what is meant by ‘the historic setting and character’ of a Historic Park and Garden? *SGT comment it may be helpful to include a reference to the guidance issued by the Gardens Trust which may be found at <http://thegardenstrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Planning-System-in-England-and-Protection-of-Historic-Parks-and-Gardens-2016-v1.pdf>*

Yours faithfully

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