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To: Brighton and Hove City Council

**Submitted via e-mail**

3rd February 2020

Dear Sir,

**Sussex University BH2020/00011**

Thank you for consulting the Sussex Gardens Trust on the above application. The Trust has also been notified by the Gardens Trust, the statutory consultee on matters affecting registered historic parks and gardens.

The Trust has deep concerns regarding the siting, height and unrelieved bulk of the proposed 'villas' along the western boundary of the campus site, and their negative impact on the open Stanmer parkland landscape.

The Trust considers the proposed 'villas' will create an unacceptably hard prominent urban edge, when viewed from the adjacent downland ridge. It is of the opinion that design modifications are required if the stated ambition to create "small cluster buildings along the western edge boundary with the park to enable a greater sense of integration with the character of the wider landscape" is to be satisfactorily delivered. A reduction in the height of the 'villas', greater spacing, and some further cutting into the hill side should be explored and tested and fully illustrated photomontages from viewpoints 2 and 3 produced.

As submitted the development is, in the opinion of the Trust, harmful to the setting of the grade II Stanmer Park registered park / garden and more could be done to mitigate this harm. The Trust therefore objects to the proposal.

Yours faithfully

Jim Stockwell

On behalf of the Sussex Gardens Trust.

CC: The Gardens Trust

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