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Subject: Plumpton Place Tree Removal Pre-App (SDNP/19/05458/PRE)

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Dear Daniel

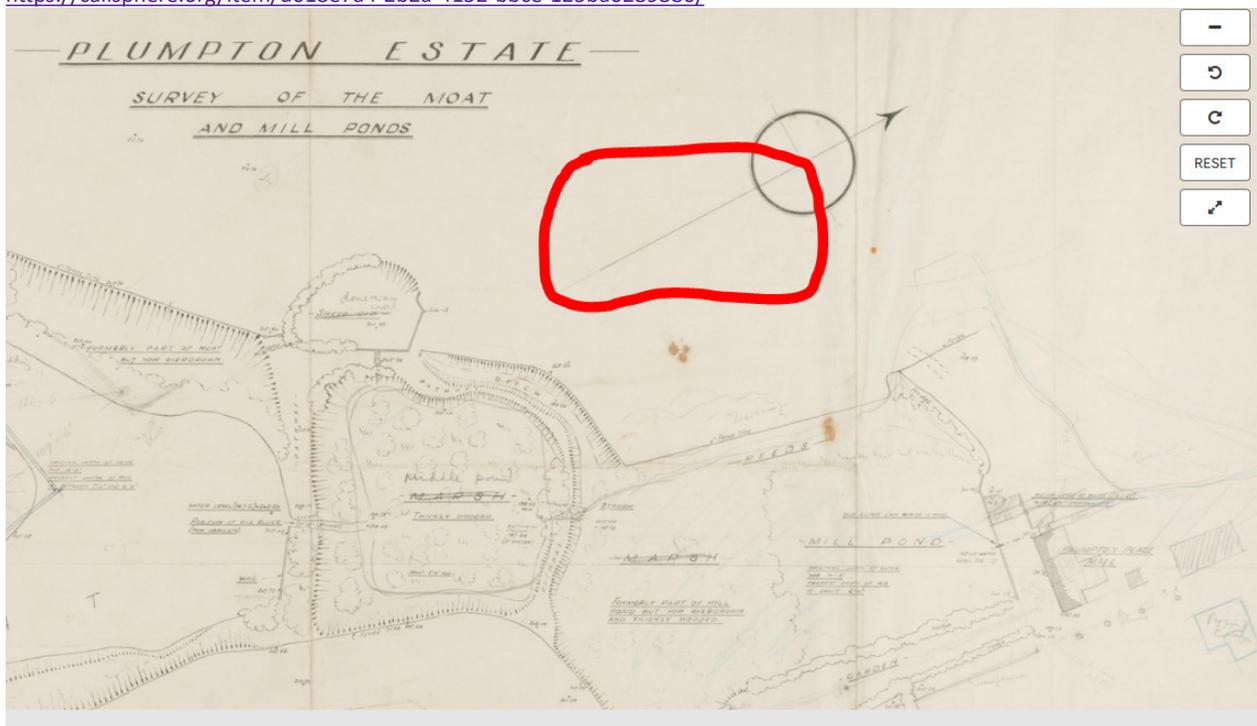
Following your phone conversation with my colleague, Alison, at the Gardens Trust in early January, she has asked Sussex Gardens Trust whether we have any comments to contribute to a pre-planning application at Plumpton Place about a pear/cherry avenue that may be removed.

My own knowledge is limited to visit in April 2010 - I recall the rose garden but not the pear/cherry avenue. However I have consulted other SGT colleagues including Virginia Hinze who used to work at Historic England and is the author of the HE Listing for Plumpton Place.

It is helpful that a project at the University of California (funded by SGT) has just been completed and Jekyll's plans, surveys, photographs and letters with Edward Hudson are all now available on this website [Plumpton Place - Jekyll archive](https://calisphere.org/item/d018e7a4-2b2a-4152-bbce-125ba0289886/) (61 items in total).

The site survey (see below) before dredging work and reconfiguration to Lutyens plans doesn't show any trees/planting in the area where the trees in question are now located (see image below with approx site of trees circled in red).

<https://calisphere.org/item/d018e7a4-2b2a-4152-bbce-125ba0289886/>



Indeed part of the area in question is, I think, shown as largely open in this photo from 1928 (the area is on the left in the background)

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The feature concerned has no apparent association with the reason that the site is registered - which is the design work that Lutyens commissioned from Jekyll and which is focused on the immediate house surrounds and the Mill pond and house.

So our conclusion is that removal of the trees is unlikely to adversely affect any Jekyll features.

If a planning application is submitted we would appreciate being consulted (in addition to the Gardens Trust).

Kind regards

Jim Stockwell

On behalf of Sussex Gardens Trust