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To: Brighton and Hove City Council
Submitted via e-mail

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Dear Sir,

Black Rock BH2020/00442

Thank you for consulting the Sussex Gardens Trust (SGT) 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 site lies within the boundary of Kemp Town Enclosures which is included with a Grade II designation on the register of historic parks and gardens maintained by Historic England.

This site is well known to the Sussex Gardens Trust, who have been saddened by the apparent level of neglect and lack of investment over recent years in the local historic environment. The setting of the Slopes has been seriously harmed by the appearance of the Black Rock Lido site, and its sense of abandonment.

Representatives of SGT have visited the site and carefully studied the documents submitted with the application, particularly the comprehensive and informative Heritage Statement which deals soundly with the significance of the site and the impact of the proposals on significance.

Consequently, the SGT very much welcomes the investment now proposed for the area and hopes this will lead to a higher level of day to day management of the spaces and activities. With regard the proposals, these have been described as enabling works and off site works both to provide infrastructure for future development of the Black Rock site and greater space for improved access to the Marina and improved public realm in the wider area. The Trust gives its support to these proposals, subject to very careful attention to detail with regard the future functions of the historic buildings, and historic building repair. The new landscape works appear sympathetic but special care will be required with regard lighting and signing of the pathways across the slopes.

With regard longer term plans for the Black Rock site, and as was the case with the i 360 development, the Trust would urge a revenue stream be agreed from the development of the Black Rock site, sufficient to fund the future maintenance of the Slopes, so as to preserve their character and their seafront setting.

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of the Sussex Gardens Trust.

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