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To: SDNPA

Submitted via e-mail FAO Rafa Grosso Macpherson

17th April 2020

Dear Sir,

SDNP/19/04463 West Dean Estate - Retrospective resurfacing of section of single-track lane

Sussex Gardens Trust (SGT) is a member of the Gardens Trust (GT) (a national statutory consultee), and works closely with the GT on planning matters; the GT has brought this application to the SGT's attention. The application site lies just within the boundary of West Dean, a Grade II* Registered Park and Garden.

Representatives of SGT have studied the documents submitted with the application and the objection dated 7th Feb 2020 submitted on behalf of SDNPA Landscape Architect.

The land form has been altered a little and perhaps not very subtly (banks just chopped back vertically along the first few metres on the road side of the entrance gates) and the surface is more formal and drive-like in character. In the image from summer 2019 this looks new and rather bright. However the harsh edges are in soft chalky soil that will very quickly slump and grass over while the concrete surface in this relatively sheltered position will quickly obtain a patina that will reduce its surface to a similar colour to a chalk track.

In the judgement of the Trust, any adverse impact on the significance of the Park to the west will be minimal. For these reasons SGT does not object to this application, nor does it specifically support it.

Yours faithfully

Jim Stockwell

On behalf of the Sussex Gardens Trust.

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