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By email: planning@wealden.gov.uk
For the attention of Mrs C Turner

19th July, 2020

Dear Sirs,

WD/2020/1088/MAO Buxted park: Outline Planning Application for 39 new dwellings.

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.

Representatives of SGT have carefully reviewed the documentation submitted with this application. The site is directly opposite the western entrance of Buxted Park, which is included on the list of registered Parks and Gardens maintained by Historic England with a Grade II* designation.

The mansion, church and the main entrance avenue to the Park are located about 1Km from the development site and would be well screened by extensive woodland. Hence the proposals would not cause any harm on the significance of these parts of the Park.

However, the proposals provide for existing scrub planting to be removed and the new houses would be clearly visible from the road, resulting in visual harm to the setting of the Lodge and the Park beyond. For this reason, SGT objects to the application.

Yours faithfully

Jim Stockwell

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