

The Gardens Trust (Central) And Garden History Society

Comment Date: Fri 03 Jul 2026

Thank you for consulting the Gardens Trust in its role as Statutory Consultee on the above application which may have a material impact on the significance of Rousdon, a Grade II registered park and garden (RPG) included by Historic England on the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest. The inclusion of the site on this statutory register requires great weight to be given to its conservation.

The RPG at Rousdon is described as 'Parkland and pleasure grounds laid out in the 1870s, surrounding a mansion of c1874-8 designed by the architect Ernest George for Sir Henry William Peek'. The application site itself is mentioned in the RPG listing as follows "Along the cliff path to the north-east are the remains of a late C19 summerhouse, or bathing house (now, 1999, ruinous)" and we understand it was converted to create a residential dwelling around 2013.

We have reviewed the application documents and note that the Design and Access Statement (undated) fails to acknowledge that the property sits within the RPG and is curtilage listed.

We therefore, conclude that the information provided by the applicant is insufficient to allow an adequate assessment of the proposal's impact on the significance of the Registered Park and Garden, and therefore does not meet the requirements of paragraph 207 of the NPPF to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected to a level of detail proportionate to their importance.

Historic England's The Setting of Heritage Assets, Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning Note 3 (Second Edition) is particularly useful guidance that addresses this issue, especially the paragraphs that address historic parks and gardens.

We would be grateful to be advised as and when further information is provided and we will be happy to review the application at that point.

If you have any further queries, please contact us at this email address, and we would be grateful to be advised of the outcome of the application in due course

Yours sincerely
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