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By email only: fidel.miller@havant.gov.uk
October 6th 2026

Dear Mr Miller,

APP/26/00324

Outline planning application, with all matters reserved except for means of vehicular access to the public highway and associated highway improvements, for: the demolition of existing buildings; the erection of new residential dwellings (C3); a Local Centre (comprising local retail (E(a)), financial and professional services (E(c)(i), E(c)(ii), E(c)(iii)), restaurants, cafés, and drinking establishments (E(b) and Sui Generis), hot food takeaways (Sui Generis), medical services (E(e)), offices (E(g)(i)) and community facilities ((E(d)), E(f), F2(b), F2(c))); a Primary School (F1(a)); early years provision (E(f)); informal and formal public open space including community park; community food-growing space; Active Travel routes; drainage infrastructure; utilities infrastructure; and all other associated and necessary infrastructure. Accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Land to the east of Denvilles, Havant, known as Southleigh

Thank you for reconsulting the Gardens Trust in its role as Statutory Consultee on the above application which may have a material impact on the significance of Leigh Park (Staunton Country Park), 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. We have liaised with our colleagues in the Hampshire Gardens Trust and their local knowledge informs this joint response.

The listing describes the RPG as "A Regency landscaped garden, laid out in the 1820s and 1830s on the site of late C18 pleasure grounds and a walled garden, with a series of specialist gardens and follies by Sir George Staunton to accommodate his Chinese and botanical interests. The gardens are surrounded by a park of C18 origin, which was developed by Sir George in the early C19, and also incorporates late C19 alterations."

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We have considered the information provided and we do not wish to comment on the proposals at this stage. We would, however, emphasise that this does not signify in any way either our approval or disapproval of these proposals.

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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