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Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref: 24/02060/FPH External alterations to Music Room and Service Wing. Partial conversion of Coach House (Home Farm) to residential annexe. Demolition of mid C20 Workshop and construction of Swimming Pool and Gym with link corridor together with erection of walled courtyard to south of new Pool and Gym. Demolition of 2no garage buildings (retaining early C18/early C19 wall and incorporated into the construction of replacement garage building). Reinstate loop driveway | Julians Julians Park Rushden Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0TD

We are grateful for the opportunity to comment on this application, which has a material impact on the significance of Julians, a historic designed landscape which is Registered by Historic England at Grade II. The inclusion of this site on this statutory register requires great weight to be given to its conservation.

Thank you for consulting the Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to proposed development affecting a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England, as per the above application. The Hertfordshire Gardens Trust (CGT) is a member organisation of the GT and works in partnership with it in respect of the protection and conservation of registered sites, and is authorised by the GT to respond on its behalf in respect of such consultations.

Julians is an example of an eighteenth-century landscape park, with seventeenth- and eighteenth-century walled gardens, reworked in the 1930s. The principal building, Julians, lies towards the centre of the landscape, with gardens and parkland surrounding. The formal gardens contain seventeenth- and eighteenth-century structures and is thus a significant example of how early landscape styles were remodelled in the twentieth-century, with rectangular borders and path patterns.

Our comments, as previously highlighted in our first response, relate to the fenestration and glazing. We would be grateful of clarification of the glazing in the link building, as it appears to be sheet glass without glazing bars. As we discussed previously, this is a substantial area of glazing, which will likely result in significant glare. Further detail on this glazing and the fenestration of the pool building will allow us to assess the likelihood of glare in the wider landscape.

We would be grateful to be advised of your decision, or if further information is submitted.

Yours sincerely,

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