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To: Planning Policy, Runnymede Borough Council

Englefield Green Village Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Submission

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to the Englefield Green Village NP. The Surrey Gardens Trust (SGT) is a member organisation of the GT and works in partnership with it in respect of the protection and conservation of historic sites, and is authorised by the GT to respond on GT's behalf in respect of such consultations. The key aims of SGT are to identify, understand, appreciate, and promote the conservation of historically significant designed landscapes in Surrey whilst enjoying and caring for our park and garden heritage, now and for future generations.

We fully support the principles set out in the Englefield Green Village NP to protect the historic environment and green spaces. It is noted that there are Registered Parks and Gardens within the Plan's boundary including the extensive Crown Estate land and the J F Kennedy Memorial at Runnymede. Consequently section 10 on Historic Environment and the accompanying Appendices have duly accorded their plans with the NPPF (2021), Local Plan policies and have incorporated the significance of local listings.

It is noted that the settings of several listed buildings also include parks and gardens of interest such as Royal Holloway College, Runnymede Park and the Air Forces Memorial.

In relation to the Plan's local listing it is noted that the Borough Council's general principle of referencing only buildings and structures has been followed. SGT consider that a wider approach to non-designated heritage assets would be to include parks and gardens of interest, as has been adopted elsewhere in Surrey. SGT would be prepared to participate in any future review of the Council's Local List's criteria and content.

However, overall, the NP Consultation Submission appears comprehensive and reflects the great deal of work that has gone into its production. SGT look forward to its completion and adoption.

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