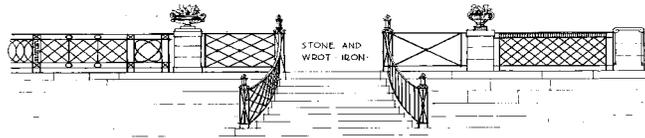


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Director of Strategic Planning and Development
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For the attention of Alan Pinder

By email only to planning@fylde.gov.uk

Dear Sir

Planning Application No: 19/0020 (Full)
Replacing Existing Wooden Shed with Wooden Pavilion;
Ashton Gardens Bowling Green, St Georges Road, Lytham St Annes
TGT Reference E18/1588

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to proposed development affecting a site listed by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks and Gardens as per the above application. The Lancashire Gardens Trust (LGT) 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 GT's behalf in respect of such consultations.

The current application lies within the Grade II Registered Park and Garden (RPG) at Ashton Gardens, in a very prominent position which can be seen from much of the site. We have a number of concerns about this application, and whilst LGT could support the principle of replacement and/or relocation of the present timber structures, we object to the application as it currently stands, for the following reasons.

We note that a revised drawing 2019/FY/WH/PL/005 has only recently been uploaded to the planning application website. This shows the roof pitch of the proposed pavilion at 15°. Such a roof structure would be out of context in its historic setting. A roof pitch of at least 30° would be characteristic of structures dating from the time of the design of this landscape in the early twentieth century. Although the existing retained shed is a shallow monopitch, the visual impact of this would not be significant in comparison to the considerably larger proposed new pavilion.

We also have concerns about a lack of detail of the treatment of the change of level,

which appears to be intended as a blockwork retaining wall. This is out of keeping with the quality of the very sensitive early 20th Century design of this site. Suitable materials and details for copings etc are required. In addition, 'pavings' are indicated on Drawing 003 where presumably new surfacing is intended. There is no description given and these proposals appear not fully thought through. As a Grade II RPG, this site requires more care to be given to details and materials, and some softening of any proposed retention structure by keeping or reconfiguring some of the shrub bed.

For the above reasons, we therefore recommend that this application is refused as it stands. Further details, and the use of appropriate materials are required.

If there are any matters arising from this letter please contact me by email

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Yours faithfully

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