



Lancashire Gardens Trust
Conservation & Planning Group

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By email only to planningpolicy@sthelens.gov.uk

Dear Sir

**St Helens Borough Local Plan 2020-2035, Submission Draft January 2019;
GT Reference E18/1474**

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to the above emerging planning policy. 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 historic designed landscapes, and is authorised by the GT to respond on GT's behalf in respect of such consultations.

Our comments refer in the main to Policy LPC11 Historic Environment:

LGT supports the comprehensive approach to protection and policies as set out under Historic Environment.

Paragraph 1

In particular LGT welcomes the inclusion and specific reference to 'non-designated above ground assets' in paragraph 1 of LPC11.

Paragraph 5

The reference to local lists is welcomed and we would suggest that the word 'and sites' should be added to the text in addition to 'buildings'. Although there may not at present be a local list for historic designed landscapes, it is hoped that in time this may be addressed.

Clause 7.21.7

Registered Parks and Gardens

There are actually three RPGs in St Helens Borough. The recently (2013) listed RPG at the 'Landscape Associated with the Former Pilkington Headquarters Complex' requires to be named in addition to the two sites already identified. We note however, that this RPG appears to be correctly indicated on the Policies Map South Plan.

Clause 7.21.10

Non-designated buildings and other structures

Again, although there may not at present be a local list for historic designed landscapes,

it is hoped that in time this may be addressed. We suggest that the title is extended to cover 'and sites', to be consistent with LPC11/6.

Policies Map North Plan

Borough Cemetery, Windleshaw is shown as RPG but the north boundary is indicating a slightly smaller area of listing than the actual boundary currently indicated on HE website. This needs correcting.

We trust that these comments will be taken as constructive and will be accommodated into the final adopted Local Plan policies.

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

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Yours faithfully

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