



Lancashire Gardens Trust
Conservation & Planning Group

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For the attention of Mrs J Barnes
By email only to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk

Your ref: 2017/1269/FUL

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application No: 2017/1269/FUL
Improvement of the School Entrance on Southport Road (A570),
Scarisbrick Hall School, Southport Road, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, L40 9RQ
TGT Reference: E17/1259

Thank you for your consultation letter inviting The Gardens Trust (TGT), to comment on the above application. As previously notified to you, TGT as the statutory consultee on matters concerning registered parks and gardens, is now working closely with County Garden Trusts, and the responsibility for commenting on planning applications in this context has now passed to the Trusts. The Lancashire Gardens Trust (LGT) therefore responds in this case.

The LGT recognises the importance of the heritage assets notably the Grade I listed Scarisbrick Hall, and Scarisbrick Park in being a Registered Park and Garden Grade II, and numerous Grade II listed estate buildings and garden features. We have visited the site and are aware of the difficulties to users in the existing driveway entrance at Southport Road. LGT supports the proposal in principle but would welcome some modest enhancement to the termination of the realigned walls which are currently shown as plain ends. There should be at least brick piers of appropriate scale, with stone cappings, although not necessarily of the grandeur of the features at current entrance. We also suggest the proposed hedge should be of mixed native species. It is noted that the arboricultural report recommends mitigating planting for making good losses to trees, and this should extend into the existing perimeter woodlands within the application area. No indication of signage is given on the submitted plan: we would suggest that any new signs relating to the new exit drive should be kept to a minimum.

Yours faithfully

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