



Lancashire Gardens Trust
Conservation & Planning Group

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For the attention of Mrs J Barnes

Your ref: 2017/1330/FUL

By email only to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application No: 2017/1330/FUL
Erection of Performing Arts Centre (teaching block and auditorium) etc.,
and refurbishment of the existing Gas Works Cottage;
Scarisbrick Hall School, Southport Road, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, L40 9RQ
TGT Reference: E17/1308

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 County 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 support the significant investment which the school is making to the fabric of the existing buildings and enhancing the facilities within the school. LGT also supports the restoration work being undertaken within the gardens. We have visited the school and are aware of the current condition of the application site which will be improved by the development of the performing arts centre. We also welcome the retention and refurbishment of the Gas House.

We do however have concerns about access to the new facility. The current car parks are located some distance to the west of the application site, and lie partly within and adjoining Old Wood. LGT would not support (and indeed would object to) any extension of car parking, service parking, parking for the disabled, or roadway widening or footway construction which would require further incursions into Old Wood. Whilst the current

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application does not extend over Hall Road or Old Wood itself it may become necessary that works beyond the application site may arise from this project.

Yours faithfully

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