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Subject: DM/25/2422 Nymans, Handcross

Hi Cathy

Comments on the above planning application.

The application site, Nymans, is a National trust property centred on Nymans House, is a Grade II listed building which was rebuilt in 1839 incorporating earlier elements including a 15th century hall, but substantially altered in 1890 and again in 1925-30, before being partially destroyed by fire. The house sits in extensive gardens with parkland beyond- this is a II* designated Park and Garden, the interest of which lies principally in its nature as a late C19 and early to mid C20 informal and ornamental plantsman's garden, laid out by the Messel family. The northwestern corner of the registered park and garden also lies within the Handcross Conservation Area.

The current proposal affects the southeastern corner of the public car park, which is some distance to the north of the house, within its wider setting, and within the northwestern part of the registered park and garden. This part of the car park is not within the Conservation Area, the boundary of which is a short distance to the west, but is within its close setting. As existing, the part of the site in question is partly taken up by existing car parking and the associated access road, and partly by a flower bed and grassed areas. The current proposal is for the extension of the parking area to provide seven disabled parking bays. This would involve the loss of a small area of flower bed, and of adjacent grassed areas.

Although the proposal would result in the loss of a small area of soft landscaping, the impact on the character of the area will be relatively minor, and in my opinion the significance of this part of the registered park and garden, and the settings of the Conservation Area or Nymans House will not be adversely affected, subject to confirmation that none of the adjacent trees will be harmed. This meets the requirements of District Plan Policies DP34, DP35 and DP36 as well as the relevant paragraphs of the NPPF.

Thanks,

Emily

Please note that this advice is given at Officer level only and is without prejudice to the formal decision of the District Council.

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