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Dear Mrs Jackson

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**BIDDULPH GRANGE NATIONAL TRUST, GRANGE ROAD, BIDDULPH,
STAFFORDSHIRE, ST8 7SD
Application No. SMD/2020/0004**

Thank you for your letter of 6 February 2020 regarding the above application for planning permission. On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the application.

Historic England Advice

We refer you to the advice in our previous letter of 26 February 2020, associated with this application and application SMD/2020/0005.

We are content that the amended proposals have addressed our concerns regarding the previously proposed glass balustrade. Vertical railings have been proposed instead, painted black green. There will still be a degree of visual intrusion, with an impact on views from the lime avenue toward the stone seat and bandstand above, in particular, with approximately half the height of the railings visible above the stone plinth. This will result in a degree of less than substantial harm to the significance of the Garden I registered park and garden, and the Grade II bandstand (Stone seat and arbour in lime walk approximately 15 metres south of Biddulph Grange), however the need to guard from a fall is recognised.

We do have concerns, however, at the use of polyester powder coating as a finish for the metalwork. We strongly recommend that this is changed to a painted finish using a suitable paint system, more in keeping with finishes on historic metalwork.

Recommendation



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Historic England has concerns regarding the application on heritage grounds.

Biddulph Grange and its designed landscape are of very high heritage significance. The designed landscape of the registered park and garden, created by accomplished horticulturalist James Bateman and his wife Maria Bateman during the 1840s-60s, is of exceptional historic interest, recognised in its listing at Grade I. The installation of steel railings to the bandstand, which forms part of the Grade II stone seat, will cause a low level of less than substantial harm to the significance of the registered park and garden and stone seat, and the significance derived from its setting of the house. It is, however, appreciated that there is a requirement to guard from a fall in this location. Polyester powder coating is not, however, considered an appropriate finish in this sensitive historic setting. We would encourage your authority to secure by amendment or condition a change to a painted finish.

We consider that the issues and safeguards outlined in our advice need to be addressed in order for the application to meet the requirements of paragraphs 199 of the NPPF.

In determining this application you should bear in mind the statutory duty of section 66(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to have special regard to the desirability of preserving listed buildings or their setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which they possess. You should bear in mind the statutory duty of section 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of conservation areas.

Your authority should take these representations into account and seek amendments, safeguards or further information as set out in our advice. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

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