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Direct Dial: Our ref:

P01577248

24 May 2024

Dear Mr Hurst

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

**BIDDULPH GRANGE, GRANGE ROAD, BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE, ST8 7SD
Application No. SMD/2024/0167**

Thank you for your letter of 20 May 2024 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 31 March 2022 associated with this application SMD/2020/0004, and letter of 28 November 2023 associated with this application SMD/2022/0117.

We are content that the amended proposals have addressed our concerns regarding the previously proposed polyester powder coating finish which is now proposed to be painted in keeping with finished on the historic metalwork within the garden. 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 are content that the amended proposals have addressed our concerns regarding the proposed step details. There will still be a degree of visual intrusion, with an impact on views and change in experience, from within the lower and upper Mrs Batemens garden as well as the loss of a section of yew hedge. This will result in a degree of less than substantial harm to the significance of the Garden I registered park and garden.



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Recommendation

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 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 in determining the application. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us. Please advise us of the decision in due course.

Yours sincerely

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