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Dear Andrea Copsey,

### **Waltham Forest Proposed Submission Local Plan**

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust in relation to the above planning matter.

I write as a member of the Planning & Conservation Working Group of the London Historic Parks & Gardens Trust (trading as London Parks and Gardens LPG). LPG is affiliated to The Gardens Trust (TGT, formerly the Garden History Society and the Association of Gardens Trusts), which is a statutory consultee in respect of planning proposals affecting sites included in the Historic England (English Heritage) Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest. Inclusion of a site in the Historic England (HE) Register is a material consideration in determining a planning application.

LPG is the gardens trust for Greater London and makes observations on behalf of TGT in respect of registered sites, and may also comment on planning matters affecting other parks, gardens and green open spaces, especially when included in the LPG's Inventory of Historic Spaces (see <https://londongardenstrust.org/conservation/inventory/>) and/or when included in the Greater London Historic Environment Register (GLHER).

LPG has considered the information contained in the *Waltham Forest Proposed Submission Local Plan* and would like to make an observation. Particular attention was paid to the points made in Chapters 16 (*Enhancing and Preserving our Heritage*) and 17 (*Protecting and Enhancing the Environment*), as well as references in other Chapters and Proposals pertaining to sensitivity to / protection of the myriad parks, gardens and other green spaces throughout the Borough. Policy 77 (Locally Listed Buildings: D) and Policy 80 – Parks, Open Spaces and Recreation – are especially pertinent. We welcome the Plan's recognition of the importance of the Borough's 'extensive network of green spaces' (3: Vision and Strategic Objectives, Liveable Waltham Forest); the commitment to enhancing and improving the Borough's public green and open spaces to 'ensure all residents and visitors have safe access to well-maintained spaces and facilities' (13: Promoting Health and Well-being, 13.11); and the various references to the need for development proposals to adhere to the Plan's Policies that seek to retain and preserve the local and historic context, which includes parks, gardens and green spaces, both Designated and Non-designated.

We note with interest the points made under 16.27 and 16.28, and the proposed preparation of an SPD 'to provide greater clarity on preserving, enhancing and managing locally listed buildings, gardens and landscapes'. In this respect we would like to offer LPG's support and input in the preparation of this SPD at the appropriate time. The LPG Inventory for Waltham Forest currently consists of 57 sites

(<https://londongardenstrust.org/conservation/inventory/sites-in-borough/?Borough=Waltham%20Forest>), which includes the 7 Premier Parks listed under 17.3, together with the 'network of smaller less formally-managed parks throughout the borough' (17.4). In our belief all these spaces should be considered within the proposed SPD. If it would be of assistance we can provide a summary of the sites on the LPG Inventory in a grid showing all their current designations.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Williams

For and on behalf of the Planning & Conservation Working Group

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