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Our ref : E16/0166

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Dear Sirs

Alterations to widen, as well as straighten the horizontal and vertical alignment of the A382.

Proposal for dual carriageway between Drumbridges and Trago Roundabout, and widening of the carriageway to 10m from Trago Mills Roundabout to White Hills Croft. Associated provision of a 3.0m wide pedestrian and cycle way alongside the widened road, landscaping and drainage. Provision of a new route connecting the A382 to West Golds Way near the new Newton Abbot Hospital site (Jetty Marsh II) at West of Newton Abbot between Drumbridges roundabout on the A38 and West Golds Way, Newton Abbot

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (formerly the Garden History Society) and Devon Gardens Trust on the above application which would affect Stover Park and the setting of Stover House. The proposed link road would affect the setting of Stover Park, which is included in Historic England's *Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest* at Grade II.

In 2014 Devon County Council consulted on two alternative possibilities for widening the A382: one to the north east of the existing carriageway and one to the south west. The north eastern route would have seriously affected the Registered landscape of Stover Park and the south western route would have affected the Stover Golf Club. We are pleased that the County Council have opted for the second alternative. Nevertheless, the proposed road widening, with the associated footpaths and cycleways, would effectively double the width of the existing A382, completely changing the character of the road as it passes by Stover Park. We appreciate that there will be a certain amount of mitigation and delighted about the proposals to restore the Icehouse.



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We would welcome a meeting with the County Engineers to clarify a number of issues. We would appreciate additional information about:

- 1 the levels of the road in relation to Stover Park - cross-sections would help
- 2 the boundary wall: is it proposed to retain it in its existing state or will the height be reduced?
- 3 the proposals to fell the end of the copse, in order to restore the historic view of Stover
- 4 details of the individual trees which are proposed to be planted in the Park by agreement
- 5 details of the restoration of the two C18 bridges
- 6 details of the proposed new access from the Forches Cross roundabout to the land to be restored by Imiris

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully

John Clark

Conservation Officer