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Your ref: HS/PRE/1087/2016  
Our ref : E/15/1340

12 February 2016

Dear Sirs

**Screening and Scoping request for proposed Dinan Way Link Road at approximately 25-30m to the north of Summer Lane, Exmouth.**

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust and the Devon Gardens Trust on the Scoping Request for the proposed extension of Dinan Way, Exmouth. The proposed link road would affect the setting of A la Ronde and The Point in View, included in the *Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest at Grade II*.

The Registered landscape includes three Grade I listed buildings (A La Ronde, The Point in View, and the Manse) and is therefore an heritage asset of the highest significance. A La Ronde together with the associated grounds of the chapel, Manse and The Point in View, formed a Regency ferme ornée. Ornamental landscape features, combined with more practical paddocks, orchards and kitchen garden created an ornamented estate in a pastoral landscape on the edge of Exmouth.

The rural setting of A la Ronde has been eroded in the twentieth century. The kitchen garden and orchard 100m south west of the house have been developed for housing, as well as the land to the south, west and south east, as Exmouth expanded. The only remaining part of the pastoral landscape is the land to the north of Summer Lane where is is proposed to construct the Dinan Way Link Road.



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The importance that this land makes in contributing to the rural setting of A la Ronde is demonstrated in the *A la Ronde Setting Study 2015*. The principal designed view from the Shell Gallery and Gantry of A la Ronde extend over the fields north of Summer Lane, highlighting the pastoral landscape context of the ornamental farm.

The Devon Gardens Trust agrees with comments of the National Trust contained in their letter of 5 February 2016, in particular that that the Scoping report needs to be clear that a full Heritage Impact Assessment is required of the effect of the proposed road on the setting of A la Ronde and The Point in View.

Yours faithfully  
John Clark  
Conservation Officer