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Dear Sirs

**Renovation, restoration and extension of Courtlands House estate from a wedding venue into a 21 bedroom luxury country house hotel and fine dining restaurant. Including refuse and maintenance store, staff accommodation and kitchen facilities, landscaping of private gardens and parkland including a nature trail, tennis court and croquet lawn and access to the Exe Estuary cycle way Courtlands House, Courtlands Lane, Exmouth EX8 3NZ.**

Courtlands is an historic designed landscape included on the *Devon Gazetteer of Parks and Gardens of Local Historic Interest*.

We have visited the site and studied the planning application documents on your website and we consider that it is a well thought out scheme which the Devon Gardens Trust are happy to support.

Attached is the entry for Courtlands on the *Devon Gazetteer of Parks and Gardens of Local Historic Interest* and an extract from the Journal of the Devon Gardens Trust 'A stroll in the eighteenth century around a ladies walk' by Helen Whitmore.

The Devon Gardens Trust would be pleased to advise on the historic landscape, but would suggest that the best way forward would be for Michael Caines to seek the advice of a landscape architect specialising in historic designed landscapes to advise on the preparation of a Landscape Strategy and Management Plan for the whole site in order to give clear guidance and priorities landscape improvements.

Yours faithfully  
John Clark



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