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Dear Sirs

Restoration works on the Grade II listed Bridge 300 metres north of Stover House at Bridge at Ngr 283748 74490, Road from Stover Caravan Park, to Forches Cross, Stover

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

The bridge is an important element in the parkland landscape of Stover Park created in the eighteenth century by James Templer and his son. The bridge was constructed in c1790 to carry traffic over the ornamental canal, designed by Thomas Gray; The canal ran between Newton Abbot and Ventiford and was used to irrigate and drain land around Stover. Today, the bridge forms part of the Templer Way footpath network.

Maintenance of the bridge has been neglect in recent years so the proposed restoration works are enthusiastically supported by the Trust.

Yours faithfully

John Clark

Conservation Officer