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Dear Sirs

**Conservation repair at The Ice House, Road from Stover Caravan Park to Forches Cross, Stover, TQ12 6QG**

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

The Gardens Trust (formerly The Garden History Society) is the Statutory Consultee on development affecting all sites on the Historic England Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest. The Devon Gardens Trust is a member of The Gardens Trust and responds to consultations in the County of Devon to ensure that your Council receives authoritative specialist advice on planning applications affecting historic parks and gardens and their setting.

The Gardens Trust and the Devon Gardens Trust are, in principle, supportive of the proposed road widening of the A382. We are delighted that it is proposed to restore the Icehouse as part of the scheme and are happy to support this application. However, we would advise that the railings should be vertical rather than horizontal. Railings were traditionally vertical, because they are aesthetically more pleasing and ,on a practical note, are more difficult to climb.

We trust that these comments are helpful.

Yours faithfully  
John Clark  
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