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Dear Emily Godwin,

26/00839/MOR
Pre-application for adding external emergency lighting
to the existing buildings
Royal Citadel, Hoe Road Plymouth PL1 2PD

Thank you for consulting the Gardens Trust in its role as Statutory Consultee on the above pre-application which may have a material impact on the significance of The Hoe, a Grade II registered park and garden (RPG) included by Historic England on the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest. The inclusion of this site on this statutory register requires great weight to be given to its conservation. We have liaised with our colleagues in the Devon Gardens Trust and their local knowledge informs this joint response.

The RPG listing describes The Hoe as 'A public walk and parade ground of mediaeval origin, developed in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries as a public park as well as a setting for several public monuments.'

We have reviewed the pre-application documents and we assume that, as part of any forthcoming formal application, Historic England will be consulted and that the applicant will be required to provide, at the very least, a Heritage Statement and an Historic Impact Assessment (HIA).

We recommend that more information is provided on exactly where lighting is going to be positioned and the form that the lighting will take. We anticipate that the majority of the lighting will be positioned within the Citadel and thus within the walls and we would recommend that the proposed lighting is downward facing to reduce any upward emittance.

We wait to hear from you again when the formal planning and LBC applications have been submitted.

Yours sincerely

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