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Dear Joanna Churchill,

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Temporary external artwork
Bowling Green Armada Way Plymouth

Thank you for consulting the Gardens Trust in its role as Statutory Consultee on the above 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. We have liaised with our colleagues in the Devon Gardens Trust and their local knowledge informs this joint response.

The Hoe comprises 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.

The application is for the installation of temporary artwork to commemorate the 100th birthday of the artist, Beryl Cook. The Gardens Trust recognise that there are already a number of public memorials and monuments around The Hoe dating from the late 19th century to most recent additions.

We recently responded to another planning application regarding a sculpture in the Peace Garden. As per our comments in that response, whilst further artwork follows on with the tradition of monuments, memorials and public art at The Hoe, we would be grateful to know if there is a Conservation Management Plan for the entire site and/or whether there is a policy to steer what is and what is not acceptable within the landscape and the extent to which further sculptures, memorials and art installations will be permitted in the future.

Furthermore, with regard to this specific application, it would be helpful to have information relating to the other three associated Beryl Cook pieces and any forthcoming pieces so as to provide a clearer understanding of the proposals.

Other than this, we have no further comments to make at this stage. We would, however, emphasise that this does not signify in any way either our approval or disapproval of these proposals

Yours faithfully

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