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4th December 2017

Dear Madam,

Planning App. P174237 – Land at Leys Farm, Tarrington- Agricultural Building

I am writing on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Hereford and Worcester Gardens Trust who have asked me to make the following points relating to this application.

Whilst we have no problem in principle with the applicant's desire to house his cattle in the winter, we are concerned about the proximity of such a large industrial building so close to the shrubbery walk that encloses the pleasure grounds of Stoke Edith Park, registered II by Historic England as a park and garden of Special Historic Interest.

In 2018 we are celebrating the bi-centenary of the death of Humphry Repton (1752-1818) who laid out the grounds of Stoke Edith for the Hon. Edward Foley in 1792. The importance of the landscape is explained in the *Survey of Historic Parks and Gardens in Herefordshire* (2001), pp. 341-2. The Red Book for Stoke Edith – Repton's attractive way of describing his improvements – is to be found in the Hereford Archives and Record Centre, which specifically draws attention to the planned walks, through mixed shrubberies by way of the Ledbury Lodge –designed on its garden-front as a temple – and returning back to the house beside the old Hereford to Gloucester road. Repton had extinguished this busy thoroughfare, which passed close to the south front of the house, and replaced it with a new turnpike road on the north. The proposed building sits on the track of the old road as it approached Tarrington village. In the winter, after leaf-fall, pedestrians on the walk that threads its way through the shrubberies, will find their pleasure spoilt by a large industrial building. The late Andrew Foley was very keen on restoring the Repton landscape and much of his planting is just reaching maturity. It would be a pity if his efforts, which carefully followed Repton's plan in the Red Book, were blighted by an ill-considered modern building.

We urge the applicant, aided by advice from the Council, to consider carefully the site of this new building and calculate precisely any impact it might have upon the adjoining pleasure grounds, and its important walk.

Yours faithfully,

David Whitehead on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Hereford and Worcester
Gardens Trust