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Dear Mr Cox,

PL/2026/01538
Stourhead, High Street, Stourton, Warminster, BA12 6QD
Improvements and repair to garden lake along crest of the embanked
western arm of the lake and remediation of sinkhole by excavating and
backfilling (retrospective)

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 Stourhead, a Grade I 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 Wiltshire Gardens Trust and their local knowledge informs this joint response.

The listing describes the site as "Stourhead contains an extensive and complex landscape garden and park. Its main phases of development date from the C18, C19, and C20. This includes mid to late C18 works by Henry Hoare II, Henry Flitcroft, and William Privet of Chilmark, late C18 and early C19 works by Richard Colt Hoare, and C20 conservation and restoration work by the National Trust."

We reviewed the detailed documents provided by JBA Consulting, specifically the Design and Access Statement (March 2026), the Heritage Impact Assessment (Jan 2026) and the Garden Lake Designers Risk Assessment (October 21st 2025) and we can offer our support to the proposed works to improve and repair the garden lake. If you have any further queries, please contact us at this email address, and we would be grateful to be advised of the outcome of the application in due course.

Yours faithfully

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