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Consultation

Dear Alan

RE: GREYS MALLORY, BISHOPS TACHBROOK

Thank you for your email.

In order to offer you a view on the eligibility of Greys Mallory for inclusion on your local list I've read the site description, looked at historic OS maps and checked the site on 'Google Earth'. My provisional view is that Greys Mallory may be a sound candidate. I have come to this view for the following reasons;

- 1. The structural components of the landscape (terraces, earthworks, boundaries and major plantings) laid out in 1905 are mostly intact and, where not intact, are still legible.
- 2. The grounds were laid out at the same time as the house (listed grade II) and they are 'of a piece' with it, which adds to their historic value.
- 3. The grounds were designed by an established architect and are representative of a recognisable style i.e. Arts & Crafts.
- 4. Allied to the above, the grounds are important to the setting of the listed house.

All the above comes with two rather big caveats. In the first place I have not had the opportunity to visit Greys Mallory in person. Secondly, I have checked with my colleagues in heritage protection (the department responsible for listing, scheduling and registration) and they have confirmed that EH has no statutory role in advising local authorities about inclusion of sites on local lists. So my view must be taken as a personal one. With the above provisos, I would be happy to see Greys Mallory added to your local list

Finally I must apologise for the time it has taken me to respond. However, I have no record of the earlier communication with EH to which you refer, and I have only just returned from two weeks of annual leave. I hope, therefore, that this response is not too late.

Best wishes Kim

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