

Analysis of Public Consultation

Twelve consultation letters were sent out. Of the twelve four were sent to neighbours who did not respond. Six were sent to organisations, three of whom responded. The remaining two were sent to the owner, who did not respond and the owners architect (Richard Free) who did respond.

The six organisations consulted were Kenilworth Town Council, The Kenilworth Society, the Twentieth Century Society, English Heritage, the Garden History Society and the Warwickshire Gardens Trust's of these three responded in support of the gardens inclusion on the Local List and the three did not respond.

One letter objecting to the inclusion was received from Richard Free the owner's architect – a copy of his letter forms part of this appendix. The first part of Mr Free's letter deals with the national criteria which is not what the consultation is about. He then goes on to give reasons why the garden should not be included in the Local List. The final part of the letter sets out line for line aspects of historic descriptive report (Appendix B) which Mr Free disagrees with and as such refutes the basis for inclusion in the Local List.

Given that the historic descriptive report was prepared using material from English Heritage and the Warwickshire Gardens Trust, I am of the opinion that the recommendation, which was supported by English Heritages Historic Parks and Gardens adviser to include the garden in the list is still sound. Additional comments were received from the Warwickshire Gardens Trust – these also form part of this appendix.