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For the attention of Ms Fiona Reynolds

Dear Sir, Madam

23/1416M FOXFIELDS, PEOVER LANE, CHELFORD, CHESHIRE, SK11 9AL
Installation of ground mounted solar P.V system

Thank you for consulting Cheshire Gardens Trust (CGT) with regard to the proposal at Foxfields, Peover Lane, which is situated adjacent to Astle Park, a non-designated heritage asset.

For further information, we refer you to the Gardens Trust publication *The Planning System in England and the Protection of Historic Parks and Gardens* (2019), which is available online at www.thegardenstrust.org. This document (p5) makes clear the distinction between designated and non-designated heritage assets in the planning system, and the importance of non-designated heritage assets in local plans.

We are grateful for the opportunity to comment on proposals which potentially have a material impact on the significance of Astle Park, a historic parkland and non-designated heritage asset.

We have considered the application and write to express our concern that the scheme appears to rely on deciduous woodland outside the ownership and control of the applicant for screening their installation. Woodland along the Bag Brook in Astle Park screen the garden of Foxfields. The current and future management of this woodland is unknown. While there is no public right of way within the historic parkland it is nevertheless open for public use for certain events, and the parkland character makes an important contribution to the *“strongly rural character and naturalistic qualities experienced within the landscape.”* (Landscape Character Assessment)

We therefore object to the application in its current form and request that appropriate screen planting within the ownership of the applicant should be a condition of approval of this application.

Susan Bartlett

Planning Applications Coordinator - Cheshire Gardens Trust