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Dear Mrs Jones,

Ref : PL/2024/00373 and PL/2024/00720 - Change of use of Leaden Hall from education to offices and meeting rooms to include: demolition of single storey extensions and demolition of a conservatory; internal changes; associated works and repairs to the fabric of the building. Change of use of Stephenson Hall from education to a mixed use to allow the building to be used for meetings, performances and continued educational use to include: the removal of classrooms attached to Stephenson Hall and associated reparatory works. Erection of an archive building to hold the Cathedral archive. Solar panels and ground source heat pump; conversion of building to provide a plant room for GSHP and staff cycle storage; visitor cycle parking. Associated external changes including the realignment of a service gate, internal driveways and the removal of a section of wall to facilitate access to the proposed archive. Landscaping of the grounds of Leaden Hall; Leaden Hall, 70 The Close, Salisbury, SP1 2EP

The above applications have been brought to our attention by Dr Kate Felus and the Georgian Group as an application for landscape registration is underway. Although the Gardens Trust is unable to comment on a non-registered site, the evidence for its inclusion seems strong and we fully endorse the comments Dr Felus has submitted for your attention.

Under these circumstances, we would ask that your officers pause with the application until a thorough assessment of the historic landscape enables a decision on registration to be made. We feel sure that you will be as anxious as we are to ensure that the precious heritage in your care is appropriately dealt with.

Yours sincerely,

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cc Dr Kate Felus