

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

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Type of comment: Support the proposal

Comment: Letter to The Times

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Driven by their conspiracy theory, that English Heritage 'sexed up' the history to gain HLF funding for the restoration project, Love Marble Hill display woeful ignorance of garden history and lack of ability to objectively interpret evidence because everything must fit into their flawed agenda. They offered no alternative interpretation of the actual evidence and presented no evidence to support their theory for an alternative garden.

English Heritage have adopted local residents' concerns, particularly placing emphasis on biodiversity and wildlife and giving careful thought to the siting of the play area for younger visitors. It is hoped that the local community will now embrace English Heritage's plans and will grasp this positive initiative and once in a life time opportunity to revitalize the currently degraded site to this important garden's former glory for the benefit of the historic designed landscape, residents and visitors alike.

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