

Uttlesford District Council

Full Council meeting 22 April 2025

Member Motion on The Gardens Trust

To be proposed by Cllr Chris Criscione

Motion:

“This Council notes that Uttlesford District is home to 3,801 listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, and parks and gardens.

Ensuring the historic preservation and enhancement of these assets is paramount to the our district's unique character, landscape and heritage.

Seven of the Historic England listings are registered parks and gardens throughout all corners of our district, as follows:

- Audley End (Grade I, Saffron Walden)
- Down Hall (Grade II, Hatfield Heath)
- The Maze (Grade II, Saffron Walden)
- Quendon Hall (Grade II, Quendon)
- Shortgrove Hall (Grade II, Saffron Walden)
- Easton Lodge (Grade II, Little Easton)
- Bridge End Gardens (Grade II*, Saffron Walden)

This Council is dismayed at the Government's proposed removal of The Gardens Trust as a statutory consultee in the English Planning System, and is RESOLVED to:

- Ensure that The Gardens Trust remains a consultee in the determination of relevant planning applications (i.e. where the Council's appointed case officer assesses that there is an impact on registered parks and gardens within the District) at local level.
- Write to the District's Members of Parliament and the Minister for Housing & Planning telling them that the Gardens Trust must remain a statutory consultee.”