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For the attention of Adrian Dowd

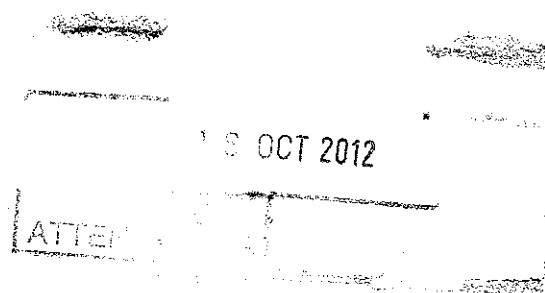
I have received notification of this application via the Garden History Society's weekly list of applications affecting sites on the EH Register of Parks and Gardens for which it is a statutory consultee. The Lancashire Gardens Trust, which is working with the Garden History Society, may comment if it has not already done so - the site is outside the area I would normally deal with.

However, having had a look at the application since I was aware that there was a recent conservation management report, I would like to add that the Heritage Statement should not be given any weight in assessing the application as it shows little awareness of the reasons for significance of Gisburne Park as a historic designed landscape and seems to deliberately omit reference to the Gisburne Historic Parkland Management Plan, dated October 2010, which was prepared by Parklands Consortium and commissioned by Gisburne Park Estates Limited in association with Natural England. Copies of the report were sent to Lancashire HER and to the Lancashire Records Office (also perhaps to Ribbles Valley DC), so it is incorrect for the heritage statement to say that there is no further information available. The applicant of course also has a copy, so it is strange that it is not referred to in the application. I hope that it is not too late for this application to be assessed in the light of the recent report by a leading historic parkland consultant, and the recent Register entry which includes the report as a reference.

A key problem with both the existing stables development, carried out without planning permission, and the proposed manege, is the change to existing levels, which is in a central part of the 1735 plan for the estate by a significant early C18th designer, Lord Petre, who had connections with the area. Whether the proposals for this area were implemented is not clear without further investigation, and earthmoving could destroy evidence. There are also other reasons for concern.

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