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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref : 23/01387/FUL - Erection of substation to land south of Old Lane with vehicle access onto Old Lane. Installation of underground HV Cable route from Grange Farm Churton CH3 6LA to proposed substation. Land To South of Old Lane Poulton Cheshire

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT), in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to proposed development affecting a site listed by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks and Gardens. We have liaised with our colleagues in the Cheshire Gardens Trust (CGT) and their local knowledge informs this joint response.

We have looked at the online documentation and it appears that the western section of the trench goes right beside a mature tree belt along one of the drives to Eaton Hall Grade II* registered park and garden (RPG). All the Eaton approaches are included in the registration, miles of them, which is very unusual. This is difficult to see on the drawings submitted, but looking on Cheshire West Interactive map Public Map Viewer (cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) and adding the appropriate layers (recent planning applications, TPOs and Registered landscape) then zooming in, it is possible to see the layout clearly. The application describes the site as 'managed woodland' but says no trees or woodland are affected which is confusing as aerial images suggest dense woodland. Before we can comment fully, we would ask that the applicant provide a detailed plan/tree survey showing root protection zone areas. As the land is private (just one PRO crossing it from the Acres) a site visit is not possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Conservation Officer