**MOD Ensleigh first consultation – BPT response**

The overall feeling of the members who attended the consultation that information was thin on the ground relating to design and therefore, that this element would have to be considered once the concept had developed.

The trust certainly felt that the main area of concern were the three story homes. It is thought that those houses proposed along the perimeter of the site, especially on Granville Road, will act as a visual barrier into and out from the site, enclosing the one and two storey buildings uncomfortably. The precedent for this height is being taken from the Ensleigh House, however we feel the heights of these buildings should be subservient to the listed building, not look to match it.

We regret that the opportunity has not been taken enhance the ‘gateway into Bath’ and another cause for concern will always be the impact of this scheme on Beckford’s Tower. There was also felt to be a lack of demonstrable understanding of the context of the AONB.

However, we appreciate that the design was in its first stages and are grateful to be involved at this pre-app stage of the development.