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A4 Legal and Institutional Constarints

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- It would be expensive, impractical, and poor public relations to attempt to secure the whole site. However, it is likely that some additional measures will be required to meet specific issues.
- The perimeter of the Manor House site can only be partially secured: the walled garden can be locked as can the main gate at the southern entrance, but there are plenty of alternative routes. Unknown visitors may be challenged if spotted, but there is little in the way of organised surveillance. Although it would be difficult, expensive and probably unnecessary to render the gardens significantly more secure, security could certainly be increased to an extent by comparatively simple means.

A4 Legal and Institutional Constraints

Listed features

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| ▪ Manor House | Grade I |
| ▪ Kitchen Garden walls and outbuilding on SE side | Grade II |
| ▪ Sir Charles Lawes-Wittewronge's sculptures (Death of Dirce & reclining nude) | Grade II |
| ▪ Storage Barn to east of walled garden | Grade II |
| ▪ Gates and screen at east entrance (wrought iron) | Grade II |

Other designations

- The Roman Temple to the north-west of the Manor site is a scheduled ancient monument.
- The gardens and landscape are not included on the English Heritage Register of Parks and Gardens. Their only statutory protection is therefore as the setting or 'historic curtilage' of the listed structures.

Institutional constraints

The Lawes Agricultural Trust was set up by Sir John Bennet Lawes to maintain the experimental fields and the scientific work.