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To examine the architectural and social history of the historic house and royal palace, their gardens and landscape setting.

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To stimulate debate on problems relating to the conservation and presentation of the historic house and its contents.

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