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Dear Andrew

Vandalism of local heritage on Rush Green Road

I am writing to you following a very concerning recent incident in Rush Green, in which someone appears to be engaged in what looks like land snatching in an area of historic importance.

The area in question is next to 529 Rush Green Road (Havering), adjacent to close to Wisdons Close (Barking & Dagenham), in which there is a parcel of land and a bridge, where there is an underground stream and an iron façade which displays the historic Essex crest.

The Essex crest and the City of London marker post can be seen on the façade.

It is a vitally important part of our local heritage. One of the few symbols left in Havering that mark our Essex heritage. This has always been a visual reminder that while we have close ties to London, we nevertheless remain a proud part of the Historic County of Essex, whose boundaries go back centuries, long before the current administrative boundaries were introduced.

Unfortunately, the individuals responsible have demolished most of the historic bridge wall and have dumped the metal bridge signs containing the historic crest on the side of the land.

I feel sure that you would agree this is nothing short of an act of vandalism, which is particularly painful given it entails damage to our proud local heritage.

The heritage of our historic market town will not defend itself. It must be looked after and cherished by all of us, particularly those in a position of power and authority.

I write to you to ask that you urgently investigate this issue. We must find out who owns or is responsible for this piece of land.

We must then ensure that any further desecration is immediately stopped and that we restore this piece of heritage to its former state.



I would be grateful for a response from you on this matter in the coming days.

My staff member dealing with this issue is Elliot Keck, so please get in touch with him if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Rosindell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a period and a horizontal line.

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