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Dear Supporter

Proposed Horkesley Park Heritage and Conservation Centre (known simply as Horkesley Park)

When we were at Colchester Christmas Fair in Nov-07 informing people about our Horkesley Park Heritage and Conservation Centre proposals, you kindly signed the Petition in support of them.

Accordingly we are writing to inform you that after finalising everything in respect of our public engagements and consultations, and the feedback we received from them, we recently submitted a planning application to Colchester Borough Council (CBC) for permission to create the proposed Horkesley Park Heritage and Conservation Centre and this was registered by CBC on Wednesday 18th February as Application N^o. 090231.

Your show of support was and continues to be much appreciated by us. However, we have a problem and need your assistance for just a few minutes to help overcome it. The problem is that we have been led to believe by the Principal Planning Officer of CBC that he/CBC will not take into account the Petition in support of our planning application. This we think is purely because the Petition does not specifically refer to Application N^o. 090231 and therefore the 22,839 signatories on it, demonstrating overwhelming support for the proposals, will be ignored, which of course is absurd under the circumstances.

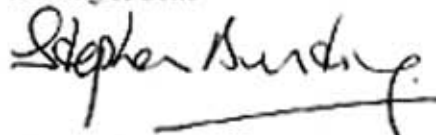
To lose any support at this critical stage would be disastrous and could put the obtaining of planning permission for the creation of Horkesley Park at risk. Therefore we write to ask you please to assist us by simply filling in an enclosed pre-paid self addressed postcard (so you have nothing to pay) and popping it in the post as soon as possible.

We have provided two postcards to enable a second person from the same address or elsewhere to show support too, as only one person should be entered per card. Multiple entries on a card will almost certainly only be counted by CBC as one signatory.

We are sorry we are having to trouble you with this but we cannot make Horkesley Park a reality without first obtaining planning permission and a show of support which CBC is definitely able to accept is very important in this process. In effect it enables the Council and its Planning Services officers to gain a balanced picture of public opinion.

Please now take a few moments to read the additional information overleaf.

Yours sincerely
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