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Dear Candidate,

We formed a civic society here in Bullbridge/Sawmills a year ago (which we call BASA) in the face of huge planning and redevelopment threats to our small community. In one short year we are amazed at what we have been able to achieve to better the quality of life here by simply getting residents together and campaigning together.

Our main concern now (as a year ago) is the fate of the site of the old Stevenson's dye works in Bullbridge. Until recently Stevenson's was the major employer in this area. Today the site stands derelict, semi-demolished, and contaminated with asbestos. The owner of the site went into insolvency earlier this week.

Please find time to read my attached documents where I attempt to lay out BASA's vision for more than just an imaginative redevelopment of our area. We have a fascinating (and unrecognised) industrial history here spanning two hundred years. The industry is gone but that history is central to the character of our area. We do not want to see it lost - forgotten under acres of faceless housing.

We are certainly not anti-redevelopment. But our vision is to see our industrial heritage - whose legacy is the recognition of the need to address climate change and create sustainable communities - at the heart of regenerating our community.

We would very much welcome discussing our vision with you either by phone, email or, better still, in person.

With best regards,

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