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Dear Sir or Madam

**Proposed Demolition of the Closed Church of Birch St Peter in the Diocese of Chelmsford  
Referral under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 and the Skelmersdale Agreement of 1986**

I write to inform you that the referral of the draft scheme for the proposed demolition of the closed Church of Birch St Peter, to the Secretary of State, has been withdrawn by the Church Commissioners for England. I therefore confirm that as a consequence, the non-statutory public inquiry will not proceed.

I confirm that the Secretary of State's interest in the matter has now concluded and the case will be closed. The Planning Inspectorate has been informed.

Yours sincerely

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