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Dear Anne

**Closed Church of St Peter and St Paul, Birch, Essex (Grade II, Samuel Sanders  
Teulon, 1850)  
Draft scheme for demolition**

Thank you for your email of 3 January enclosing the draft scheme document for the  
demolition of SS Peter and Paul, Birch.

The Victorian Society maintains its **strong objections** to the proposed demolition of  
this Grade II-listed church in a conservation area designed by a highly-regarded  
nineteenth-century architect.

We second the Ancient Monument Society's call for a workshop to discuss  
alternatives to demolition. A well-chaired brainstorming session, of the kind carried out  
by The Princes Regeneration Trust in other cases, could yet throw up an eleventh-  
hour scheme to save this fine building.

Yours sincerely

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cc Matthew Saunders, Ancient Monuments Society

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