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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**

The Secretary of State is considering the enclosed request received from the Church Commissioners inviting him to reconsider his decision to hold a non-statutory public inquiry into the above proposal.

You are invited to make representations on the matters raised by the Church Commissioners in their request. Responses to this letter should be sent to Lorraine Gamble at the address shown at the foot of this letter by 4pm on 14 September 2017. Representations received will be circulated between parties and a further 7 days will then be allowed for any further representations on other parties' responses.

Please note that the Secretary of State wishes to emphasise that he is inviting representations on these matters to enable him to come to a fully informed decision on the Church Commissioners request, and this letter should not be read as any indication as to his view on the merits of the request or the above proposal generally.

Yours sincerely

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