

SAMPLE LETTER

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To: Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Garden City

Village Hall, 351 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530

Dear Sir:

According to the terms of the public comment period, I am writing to express my complete opposition to the demolition of the historic St. Paul's structure located on Stewart Avenue in Garden City.

As the Draft Environmental Statement so clearly points out, "The proposed project would have a significant impact on that component of community character relating to aesthetic and historic resources because it would cause the loss of the historic main building, deemed by some to be an iconic structure within the center of the Village."

The demolition of St. Paul's will cause an irretrievable loss to the community. The structure, dating back to the latter 19th century, is one of the few remaining example in the region of period Gothic design. As such, it is a landmark to the history of Long Island and the vision of the founder of Garden City, Alexander Turney Stewart.

No amount of additional grass fields can compensate the community for the loss of such an important part of our heritage. The Environmental Impact Statement makes virtually no effort to show any real benefit to the community from demolition.

I urge you to terminate any further consideration of the demolition of St. Paul's School, and to work instead with Village residents to find an affordable means of preserving the structure and putting it to use by the residents.

Sincerely,

(Name and address)