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Dear Mr Blair

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a merry Christmas. Around eight years ago my wife and I decided to send a Christmas card to any person that has changed the way we live in one way or another. The first recipient was President Gowborchhof when the Berlin Wall came down and since then, we have sent mainly to labour party ministers who brought us out of the terrible Thatcher Years. This years card has a scene of our beautiful village square but we are also asking for some HELP or advice .

Around twelve months ago our local Stockton Heath County Primary School along with the local LEA and Warrington Borough Council targeted a bid to demolish our beautiful Victorian style school building and replace it with a modern designed school that is totally out of keeping with the rest of our village. The building is locally listed and we are desperately trying to get it listed by the British Heritage. The LEA held a series of consultation meetings with in there words (Priority Stake Holders) the meetings were held a such times it was impossible for working parents, carers, and residents to attend. In July of this year a meeting was held at the school with around 85 people attending, most of these were school staff and their families, school governors, and local LEA officials, along with a few concerned residents and parents. This meeting was never advertised as a final vote session, the LEA saw there chance and took a vote on whether to refurbish the building or demolish. As the school staff and LEA wanted a new build the vote was heavily in there favor and they recommended the building to be demolished, this decision has caused outrage in the local community as a result of this we have started a action group to try and save out school from demolition . We petitioned the village over three week ends we have now collected 5,500 signatures in favor of refurbishing the existing school building. We have wrote and emailed our MP Helen Southworth but to this time she has declined to comment, or return our emails. The only help we are receiving at this moment in time is from our MEP Mr Den Dover who is a conservative! He attend the school along with his brothers and is also a qualified civil engineer. With the recent election of a new conservative leader and there rise in the opinion poll's and south Warrington being a marginal seat I would have thought Helen would be doing all she could for the stakeholders in her constituency as she held her seat at the last election with a majority of 3000. WE NEED TO BE HEARD and Warrington Council should hold a proper DEMOCRATIC vote on the future of our school building. With the local elections due in the spring the lib dem,s are hoping to gain control of Warrington Council what could be better than reversing this act of vandalism on our community to put at least a bit of decency back into local politics. One last comment under the right to know act

we have requested all documents relating to the costings for new build and demolition against refurbishing the existing building this we asked for 2 months ago and still to this date received nothing.

Yours Faithfully

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