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Members of Planning and Environment Committee:

I am writing regarding the staff report entitled Contract Renewal for the Management of Environmentally Significant Areas.”

Although I support the principle of renewing the contract with UTRCA, I am troubled by the proposed reduction in expenditure for this contract. With increasing numbers of Londoners seeking to enjoy the experience of visiting London’s Environmentally Significant Areas (ESAs) there is growing pressure on the ESAs. The current level of enforcement is not sufficient to ensure compliance with the existing parks by-law, notably the sections prohibiting use of bicycles in ESAs and prohibiting off-leash dogs. I ask Planning and Environment Committee to give serious consideration to an increase in the budget for the UTRCA ESA team.

Yours truly,

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