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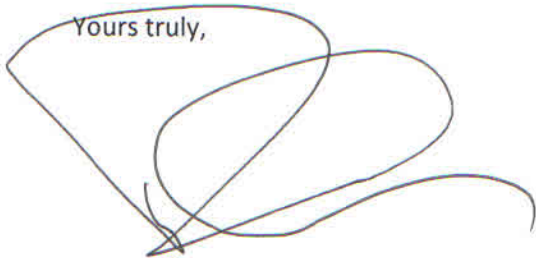
Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

**Re : Medway Valley Environmentally Significant Area**

Contrary to assurances from planning staff that proper processes were followed and appropriate experts consulted with respect to the Medway Valley ESA, the truth is the opposite. The experts in the Natural Sciences would have no difficulty explaining how special it is to have this environmentally sensitive area in such close proximity. However it does not require much environmental expertise to recognize that the construction of seventy foot bridges and asphalt paths with heavy equipment would do significant damage to this Medway Valley.

If the City decides in favour of this proposal, it is changing a precious environmentally significant area into a park. If that is the intent, this is the proper way to proceed. If this area is to be preserved for future generations, this proposal is a disaster.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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