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Re Edge Lane West Compulsory Purchase Public Inquiry, for the attention of the Inspector:

Dear Mr. Asquith,

I am writing as a member of the congregation of Saints Peter and Paul, 193 Edge Lane L7 2PQ. We have mass here every Sunday and have been worshipping here over 15 years so our community is now very well established and more senior members of the local congregation would be dismayed if we were to lose this focal point of our community.

If we lose this dedicated church building, which has been lovingly cared for and at considerable expense to our congregation, we will be back to square one i.e. having to rent a hall or room as a temporary place for worship. Therefore I am against the demolition of our historic chapel. It would be a retrograde step in terms of building stable communities in the inner city.

Surely the town planners will recall the errors made in the 1970s when "it all came tumbling down" (F. O'Connor), when stable communities were dispersed and many irreplaceable buildings were lost.

As we look forward to the celebration of Liverpool as European City of Culture in 2008, we should not be demolishing historic areas of the city but investing in the conservation of well built houses and churches which have served the people of Liverpool well in the 20th century and there is no sound reason why they should not continue to do so in the 21st century. Tourism is a rising industry – what tourist cities demolish their historic quarters? Let's say a firm no to cultural vandalism and the destruction of long established communities in the interests of all and not least the young people of Liverpool.

Yours sincerely,

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