

## **APPENDIX B**

Cobnar Road  
Woodseats  
Sheffield  
S8 8QB

13<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Kier Asset Partnership Services Ltd  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Cathedral Court  
1 Vicar Lane  
Sheffield  
S1 1HD

Dear Sirs

**Do not sell Cobnar Cottage**

I understand it is proposed to sell Cobnar Cottage.

Alderman Graves was kind enough to leave the park and the buildings within for the benefit of the citizens of Sheffield. As very close neighbours to the cottage, we strongly disagree that it is sold. It would be going against the intention of Alderman Graves.

As it is charitable parkland and the covenants state clearly it cannot be sold, it must be kept as part of the park. It would be good to convert the site into an historical memorial garden, retaining the imprint of the cottage for posterity, at no cost to the Council. After much research, the Friends of Graves Park would do an excellent job at keeping history alive.

There are hundreds of people use the park every day, whatever the weather, and it would be a great loss to the citizens of Sheffield and an insult to Alderman Graves.

**Please do not sell Cobnar Cottage**

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]

cc Sheffield City Council

Bill [Redacted signature]

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Hackthorn Road  
Woodscats  
Sheffield  
S88TB  
17/02/2015

Dear Sir/Madam

**Objection to the Sale of Cobnar Cottage in Graves Park**

I object to any sale or disposal of Cobnar Cottage, this is built on land which was gifted to the people of Sheffield by J. G. Graves.

Cobnar Cottage and the land on which it stands are protected by the original covenants of the Graves Park Charity, which clearly state that the land should be kept as parkland forever.

This land belongs to the people of Sheffield and not the City Council. Sheffield City council should be protecting this gift and not selling off parts of the land at any opportunity

It would seem that this is not the first time that Graves Park is under threat from this council. And I suspect that this won't be the last.

This is a cottage which the council has failed to maintain, any building no longer required can be demolished and the land returned to park land as per the original covenants.

I feel very strongly that once more Graves Park is under threat, after other shameful situations by this council over the years, such as selling off Chantry Cottage, trying to give away land to St Lukes, using Norton Nurseries as a rubbish dump. And now the attempted sale of Cobnar Cottage.

Once more the Council has to be reminded Graves Park is not for sale.  
Once more they have to be reminded it belongs to the people of Sheffield.

Please consider alternative options other than the sale of Cobnar Cottage.

Yours Faithfully

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to state my objection to the sale of Cobnor cottage and the land on which it stands.

Graves park is a very important part of the local area used by many for physical and psychological health benefits. As such all parts, no matter how small, should be retained and cared for.

I urge you to relook at the business plan produced regarding converting the area into a memorial garden. This would enable public access and enjoyment of the site.

I also feel this could be very beneficial when considering ~~the~~ transformation of the Norton nursery site into what is now



a very beautiful nature reserve enjoyed  
by people and wildlife alike.

Please take this opportunity to further  
enhance Graves Park rather than selling  
parts which once lost will never be  
regained.

Graves Park is very important both  
to local people and also people throughout  
Sheffield who visit (I know personally  
people who travel from the north of  
Sheffield and also the south east.)

I urge you to reconsider the  
sale of Colmar cottage and once again  
state my objection.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

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Sheffield  
S8 8PL

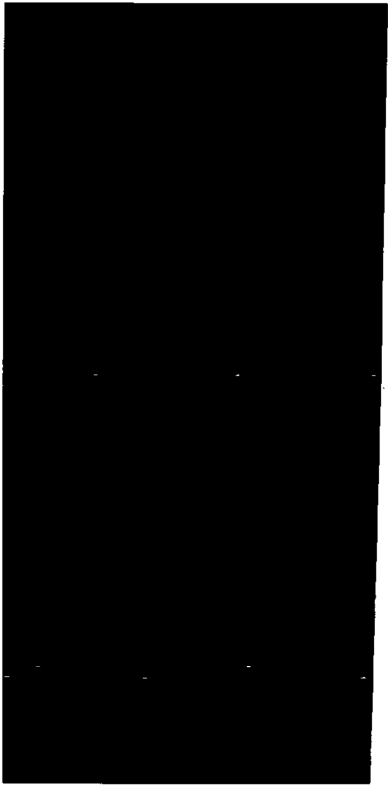
16th February 2005

Law Partnership Services Ltd,  
1st Floor, Cathedral Court,  
Necar Lane  
Sheffield  
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Dear Sir, Madam,

Objection to the Sale by Auction of  
Cobnar Cottage in Graves Park

I object strongly to any sale or disposal  
of the charitable parkland. This includes the  
land on which Cobnar Cottage is built.  
Cobnar Cottage and the land on which  
it stands are protected by the original  
covenants of the Graves Park Charities  
(1851), which state that they should  
be kept as parkland forever. Graves  
Park is held in trust for the people of  
Sheffield and this Trust is administered



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by the Trustees. Any sale of this entrusted charitable parkland would be a breach of the covenants.

Instead of looking for ways of breaching the covenants, the Trustees (Sheffield City Council) should be protecting the park and preserving it for the people of Sheffield. Any sale of any charitable parkland would set a precedent and threaten any or all of Greaves Park.

The Charities Commission are already looking into the legalities of the sale.

I am disappointed that once again local residents have to stress the covenants protecting Greaves Park, rather than working collaboratively to improve the park.

Yours faithfully

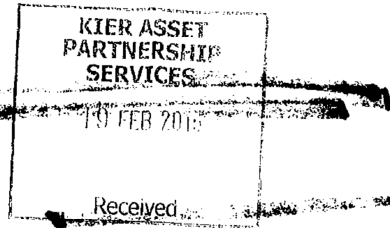
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~~██████████~~ COBNOAR LEAD  
SHEFFIELD S18 8RE

18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015

KIER ASSET PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, CATHEDRAL COURT,  
1 VICAR LANE  
SHEFFIELD S1 7HD



To whom it may concern,

Re: PROPOSED FREEHOLD SALE OF COBNOAR COTTAGE, GROVES PARK.

As local residents, we would like to make you aware of our concern regarding the proposed freehold sale of Cobnor Cottage, Groves Park by Sheffield City Council.

Cobnor Cottage is covered by the covenants associated with the charitable parkland of Groves Park. These clearly state it can not be sold.

We would hope Sheffield City Council to reconsider their decision and work in partnership with relevant organisations, including people of Sheffield, to look again at sustainable income generating projects rather than 'quick-fix' sale. This would ensure long-term socio-economic benefits for the wider community, much needed income for Parks and Countryside Dept. / Groves Park and prevent loss of the park to housing developers. (PTC)

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We look forward to your response regarding  
the above matter.

Yours faithfully -

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 ADDRESS [REDACTED] WARMINSTER PLACE,  
 [Date] NORTON LEES, SHEFFIELD  
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 16/2/2015

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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Instead of looking for ways of breaching the covenants, the trustees (Sheffield City Council) should be protecting the park and preserving it for the people of Sheffield. Any sale of any charitable parkland would set a precedent and threaten any or all of Graves Park.

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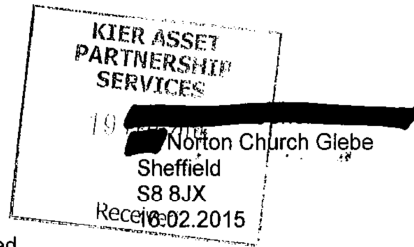
Yours faithfully

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*It is bad enough that Sheffield City Council is generating an income from parking charges on the land which was left in trust for the PEOPLE of Sheffield.*



F.A.O. Kier Partnership Services Limited.

Dear Sir/Madam

**Objection to the sale by Auction of Cobnar Cottage in Graves Park.**

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Instead of looking for ways of breaching the covenants, the trustees (Sheffield City Council) should be protecting the park and preserving it for the people of Sheffield. Any sale of any charitable parkland would set a precedent and threaten any or all of Graves Park.

We are disappointed that once again local residents have to stress the covenants protecting Graves Park to the trustees, rather than working collaboratively to improve the park.

Yours faithfully

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NAME [REDACTED]  
ADDRESS [REDACTED] VEBON LANE  
[Date] SHEFFIELD S10 2HE  
14-02-2015

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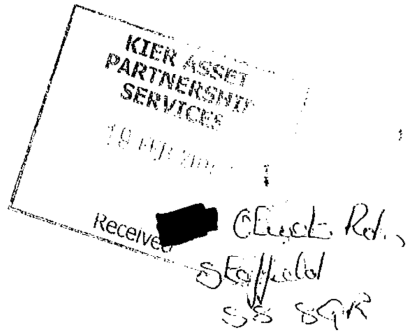
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14 February 2015

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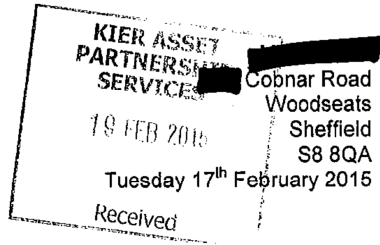
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The Charity Commission are already looking into the legalities of this sale.

I am disappointed that once again local residents have to stress the covenants protecting Graves Park, rather than working collaboratively to improve the park.

Yours faithfully

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I/we am/are disappointed that once again local residents have to stress the covenants protecting Graves Park, rather than working collaboratively to improve the park.

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17th February, 2015

Bobrow Cottage

I must protest about the proposed sale by Sheffield Council of Bobrow Cottage. I have lived just around the corner from it for forty-seven years and I have long been aware that it is part and parcel of Graves Park.

To sell any portion of land, however small, which was gifted by deed of covenant is immoral and most probably illegal.

The sale would net the Council a tiny amount compared to the millions it deals in and so I can only come to the conclusion that the purpose is to establish a precedent - Dirty tactics. Once a little cost has been raised that way, selling a much larger tract of land would become possible in future.

So I say No No NO

Yours faithfully

Kier Asset Partnership Services . [REDACTED]

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NAME [REDACTED]  
ADDRESS [REDACTED] WARMUNSTER PLACE  
[Date] SHEFFIELD S8 8RU  
16/2/2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Instead of looking for ways of breaching the covenants, the trustees (Sheffield City Council) should be protecting the park and preserving it for the people of Sheffield. Any sale of any charitable parkland would set a precedent and threaten any or all of Graves Park.

The Charity Commission are already looking into the legalities of this sale.

~~I~~we am/~~are~~ disappointed that once again local residents have to stress the covenants protecting Graves Park, rather than working collaboratively to improve the park.

Yours faithfully

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Having researched J.G Graves for a school project at A15, I strongly disagree with any such sale of property or land by the council that was left to the people of Sheffield by J.G Graves. The council should also not be profiting from the carpark pay and display machine. Its the peoples land. Not theirs. 16/02/2015 16:37

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NAME, [REDACTED]  
 ADDRESS, [REDACTED] WARMINGSTEEL PLACE  
 NORTON LEEES  
 [Date] 16/2/2015

Kier Partnership Services Limited  
 4th Floor, Cathedral Court  
 1 Vicar Lane  
 Sheffield  
 S1 1HD

Dear Sir/Madam,

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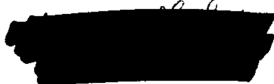
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Yours faithfully

[SIGNATURE]



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15<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

Kier Partnership Services Limited,  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Cathedral Court,  
1, Vicar Lane,  
Sheffield  
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Dear Sirs,

Re: **Objection to the Sale of Cobnar Cottage**

I write to object to the sale by auction of Cobnar Cottage in Graves Park.

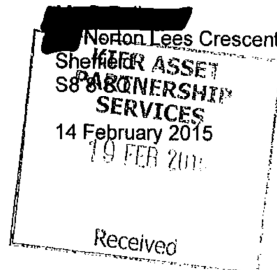
The charitable land on which Cobnar Cottage stands was given to the people of Sheffield by J.G. Graves in 1925 to be held in trust for the use and enjoyment of the people of Sheffield.

The current trustees Sheffield City Council Cabinet are not acting in the best interests of Graves Park. Once the covenants are broken and a part of the charitable land is sold this will put all of the park in danger .

I strongly object to this proposed sale, I would like Sheffield City Council to act as trustees and do their best to protect the park and its assets for the people of Sheffield and future generations.

Yours faithfully [REDACTED]

Kier Partnership Services Limited  
4th Floor, Cathedral Court  
1 Vicar Lane  
Sheffield  
S1 1HD



Dear Sir/Madam

**Objection to the Sale by Auction of Cobnar Cottage in Graves Park**

I object strongly to any sale or disposal of charitable parkland. This includes the land on which Cobnar Cottage is built.

You will already be aware that Cobnar Cottage and the land on which it stands are protected by the original covenants of the Graves Park Charity (1925), which state that they should be kept as parkland forever. Moreover, Graves Park is held in trust for the people of Sheffield and this trust is administered by the trustees. Any sale of this entrusted charitable parkland would be a breach of the covenants.

I insist that instead of looking for ways of breaching the covenants, the trustees (Sheffield City Council) should be protecting the whole of the parkland and preserve it for the people of Sheffield. Furthermore, any sale of any charitable parkland would set a precedent and threaten any or all of Graves Park.

I understand that the Charity Commission are already looking into the legalities of this sale.

I am very disappointed that the once again, local residents have to stress the covenants that are protecting Graves Park, rather than being able to trust Sheffield City Council to work collaboratively and invest and protect the parkland, including all of the buildings.

The whole of the parkland should be protected for future generations to enjoy and preserved in its entirety as an investment for the people of Sheffield.

Yours faithfully

CC:-

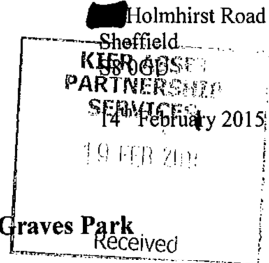
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**Re: Objection to the sale of Cobnar Cottage, Graves Park**

Dear KPS Ltd,

I am shocked to hear that the council is selling off part of Graves Park. This land belongs to the people of Sheffield and is NOT FOR SALE. It is part of Charitable Land gifted by JG Graves in 1925 and selling it would break the covenants. I am sure this must be ILLEGAL.

**As a citizen of Sheffield, this land 'belongs' to me and I object to this sale.**

The trustees of the Charitable Land have a duty to protect the Covenant and to maintain the whole of the Graves Park land for the benefit of all of the Sheffield people, for their access and use. As such, Cobnar Cottage and its land should be opened up and made into a useful space for all of us.

Please do not go ahead with this sale. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Cobnar Road

Sheffield

S8 8QB



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4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Cathedral Court  
1 Vicar Lane  
Sheffield, S1 1HD

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**Ref: Cobnar Cottage sale**

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to you to state my objection to the Cobnar Cottage land being sold. I am a life long resident of the Norton area and have made regular use of the Grave Park facilities all my life. As such I see myself as a citizen of the City of Sheffield. Therefore, under J G Graves original covenant I see that I have a right to be included in the decision to sell the land.

The land is "...for the purpose of the perpetual enjoyment thereof by the public for exercise and recreation and for purposes conducive to or in connection with such enjoyment..."

- "And that such buildings or any of them or any part or parts thereof may if the Corporation shall think fit be pulled down and removed." (In the original covenant, the Corporation means "The Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Sheffield")

I would particularly like to see the cottage stay as a piece of local heritage and history, along side the other traditional cottages located on Cobnar Road.. Therefore, I request that Sheffield City Council make all effort to restore and preserve such heritage structures.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Henley Avenue  
Sheffield S8 8JH

13th February 2015

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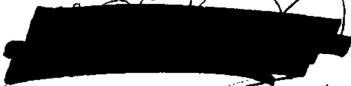


Dear Sirs,

**Objection to the proposed sale by auction of Cobnar Cottage Graves Park**

We write to object to this proposed sale and the land on which it stands. We are of the opinion, that these are protected by the covenants of the Graves Park charity and should be kept as part of the parkland for use by the citizens of Sheffield in perpetuity.

This proposed sale would breach the covenants of the Trust and set a precedent for the sale of further parkland in the future. It is perhaps questionable whether or not this is the intention of Sheffield City Council who acting as Trustees of the Graves Park Trust are not acting in the best interests of the charity.

Yours faithfully,

P.S. HAVE E-MAILED A COPY OF THIS TO BOTH  
COUNCILLORS ISOBEL BOWLER & IAN AUKLAND.

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Sheffield  
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14<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

Kier Partnership Services Limited,  
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Cathedral Court,  
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Sheffield  
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Dear Sirs,

Re: **Proposed sale by auction of Cobnar Cottage Graves Park**

I strongly object to the sale by auction of Cobnar Cottage in Graves Park. This cottage and the land it stands on were given to the people of Sheffield by J.G. Graves.

J.G. Graves appointed trustees to uphold the covenants he had written to protect the charitable parkland he had given to the people of Sheffield. The current trustees, Sheffield City Council Cabinet are trying to break the covenants and go against the stated wishes of J.G. Graves that the land should be held in trust for the use and enjoyment of the people of Sheffield.

Yours faithfully,

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[REDACTED] Henley Avenue,  
Norton,  
Sheffield,  
S8 8JH

19th February 2015

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Yours faithfully,

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16/02/2015

Re: Sale of Cobnar Cottage in Graves Park - Our Objection

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of my wife and I in regards to the recent proposal by the Sheffield City Council to sell Cobnar Cottage which, incidentally, is in the grounds of Graves Park. Graves Park is a charitable park and was originally presented to the City in 1925 by John George Graves for the people of Sheffield and elsewhere to walk in and enjoy the beauty of the area.

As we live at Norton Hall we do get so much pleasure when seeing families enjoying themselves whether walking, playing, relaxing or involving themselves at the special events that take place in the park throughout the year.

We are not members of the Friends of Graves Park however we also agree with their business plan, to convert the site of Cobnar Cottage into a Historical Memorial Garden, retaining the imprint of the Cottage for posterity and <sup>not</sup> allowing the Sheffield City Council now and in the future to gradually sell off parts of Graves Park, is the correct one.

Yours faithfully

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19th February 2015

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I am very upset that once again local residents have to stress the covenants protecting Graves Park, rather than working collaboratively to improve the park.

Yours faithfully,



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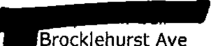
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**Objection to the Sale by Auction of Cobnar Cottage in Graves Park**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I object strongly to any sale or disposal of charitable parkland. Any attempt to sell Cobnar Cottage is a breach of the original covenant of the Graves Park Charity(1925) and a betrayal of the people of Sheffield.

Graves Park and Cobnar Cottage were bequeathed to the citizens of Sheffield by Alderman Graves as part of his legacy, for past, current and future generations to enjoy. Cobnar Cottage is an asset of the city and should be managed as such. Attempting to sell off this asset is something I would not associate with a Labour Council and fits uncomfortably with my idea of Socialism.

I am very disappointed that Sheffield City Council have taken this stance rather than opting to work to protect the parkland and buildings within.

Yours faithfully

  
CC:-

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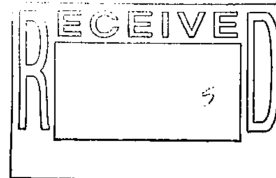
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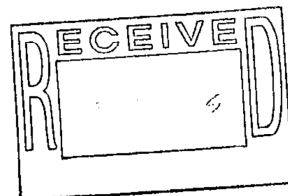
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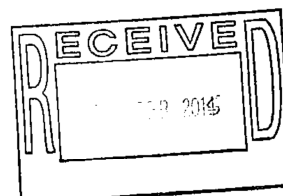
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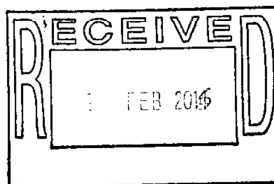
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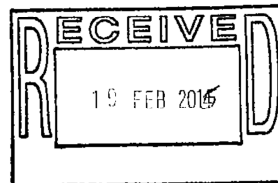
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14 February 2015

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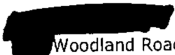
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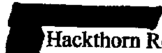
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Objection to the Sale of Cobnar Cottage in Graves Park**

I object to any sale or disposal of Cobnar Cottage, this is built on land which was gifted to the people of Sheffield by J. G. Graves.

Cobnar Cottage and the land on which it stands are protected by the original covenants of the Graves Park Charity, which clearly state that the land should be kept as parkland forever.

This land belongs to the people of Sheffield and not the City Council. Sheffield City council should be protecting this gift and not selling off parts of the land at any opportunity

It would seem that this is not the first time that Graves Park is under threat from this council. And I suspect that this won't be the last.

This is a cottage which the council has failed to maintain, any building no longer required can be demolished and the land returned to park land as per the original covenants.

I feel very strongly that once more Graves Park is under threat, after other shameful situations by this council over the years, such as selling off Chantry Cottage, trying to give away land to St Lukes, using Norton Nurseries as a rubbish dump. And now the attempted sale of Cobnar Cottage.

Once more the Council has to be reminded Graves Park is not theirs to sell. Once more they have to be reminded it belongs to the people of Sheffield.

Please consider alternative options other than the sale of Cobnar Cottage.

Yours Faithfully

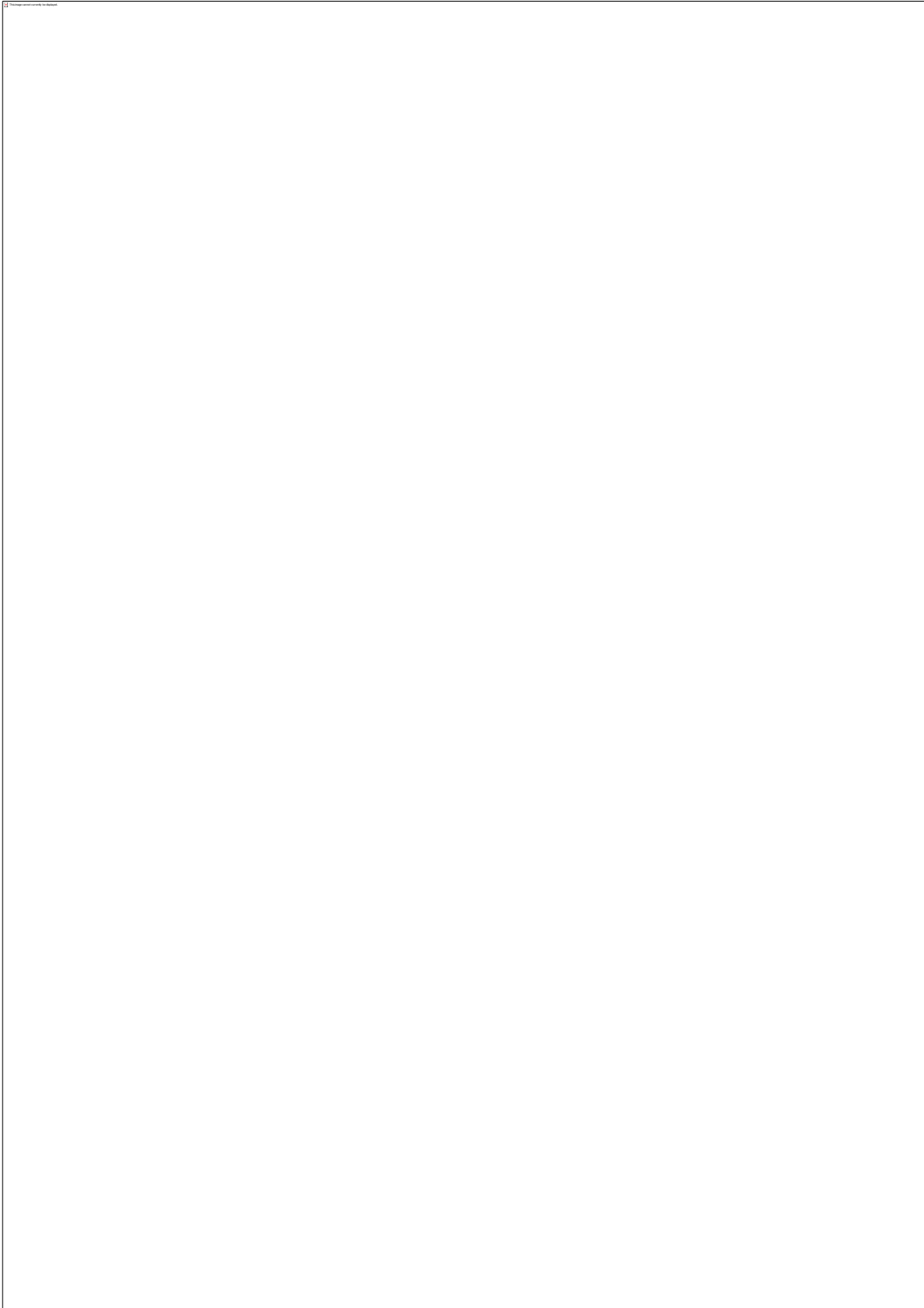
  


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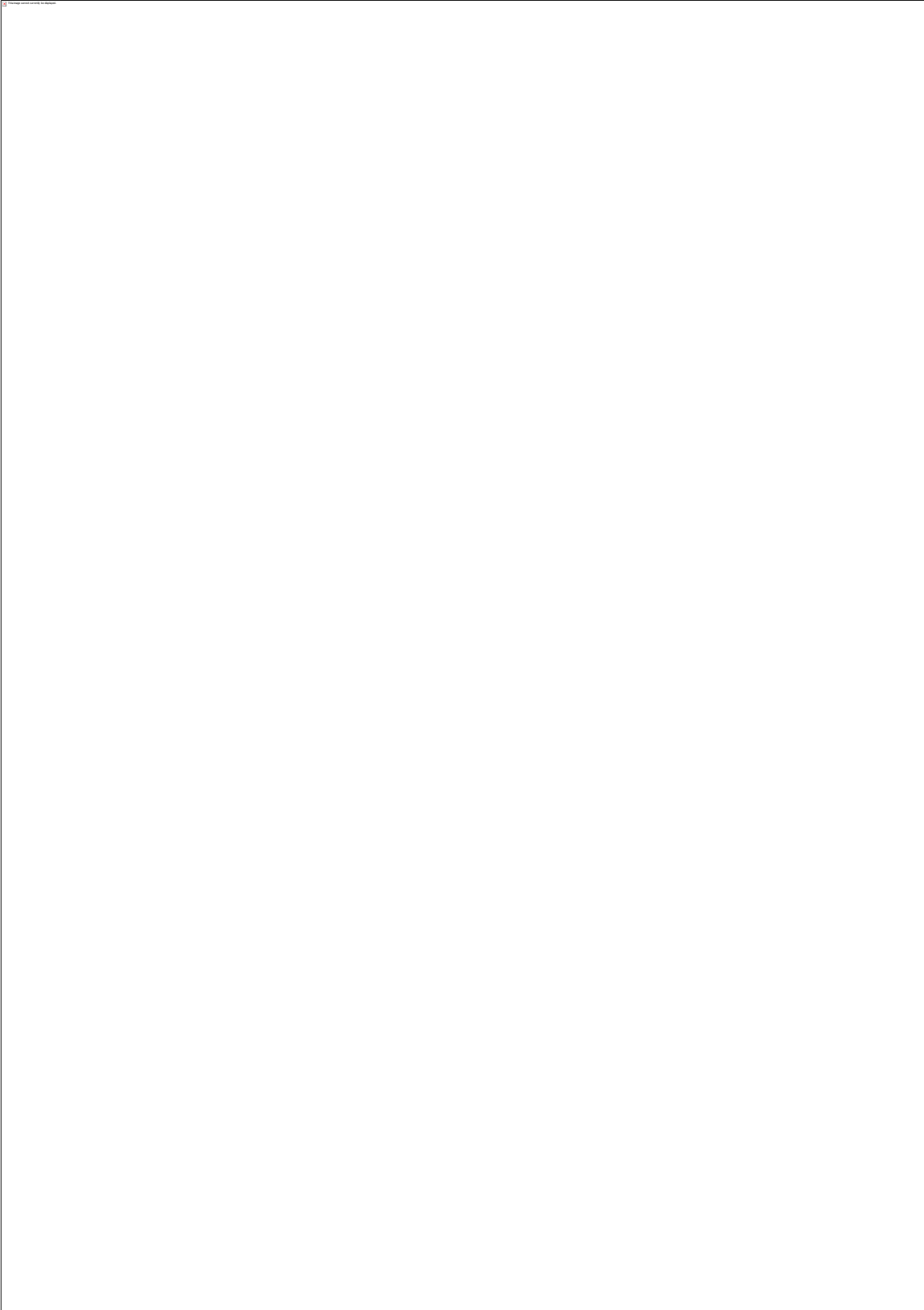




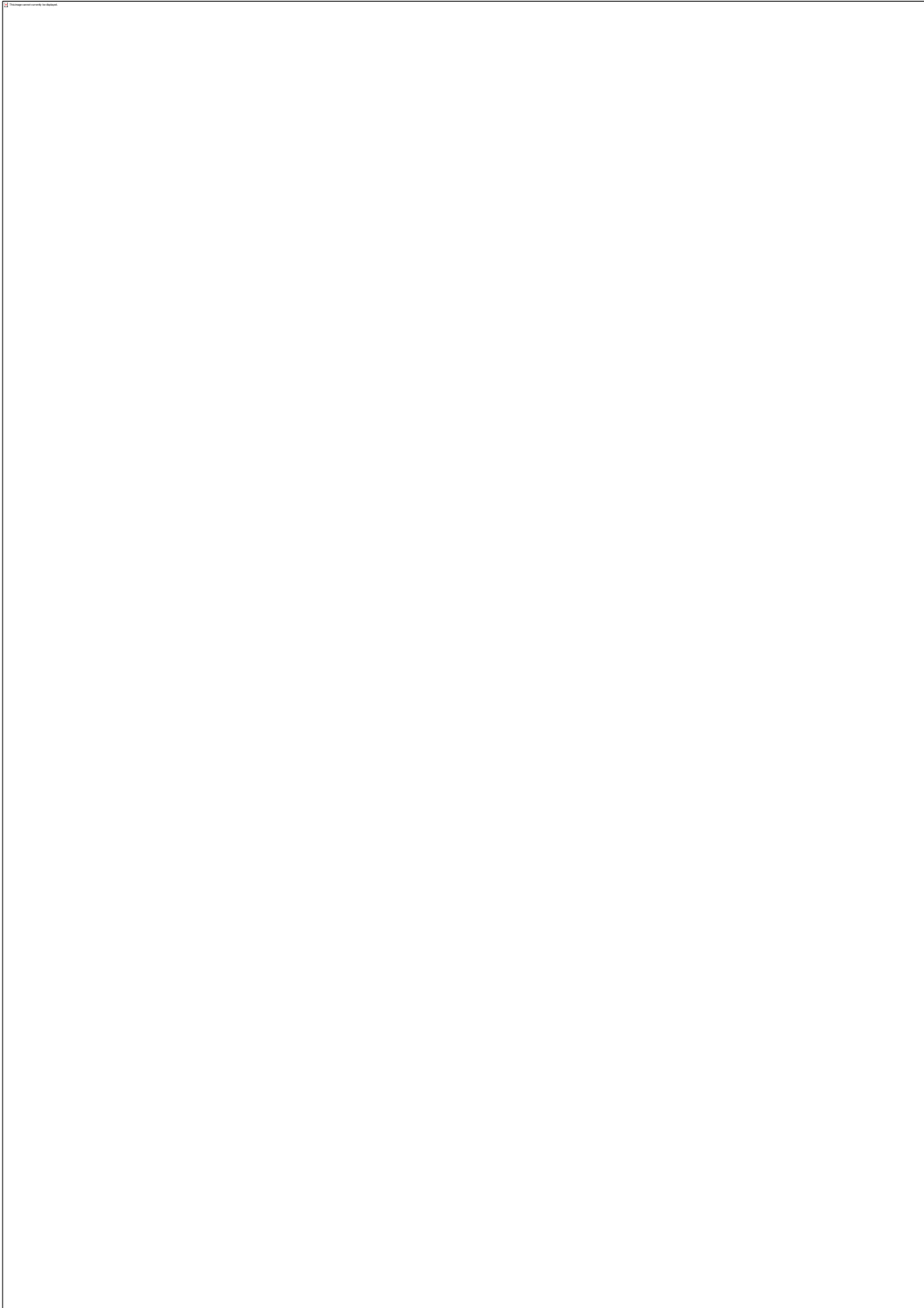












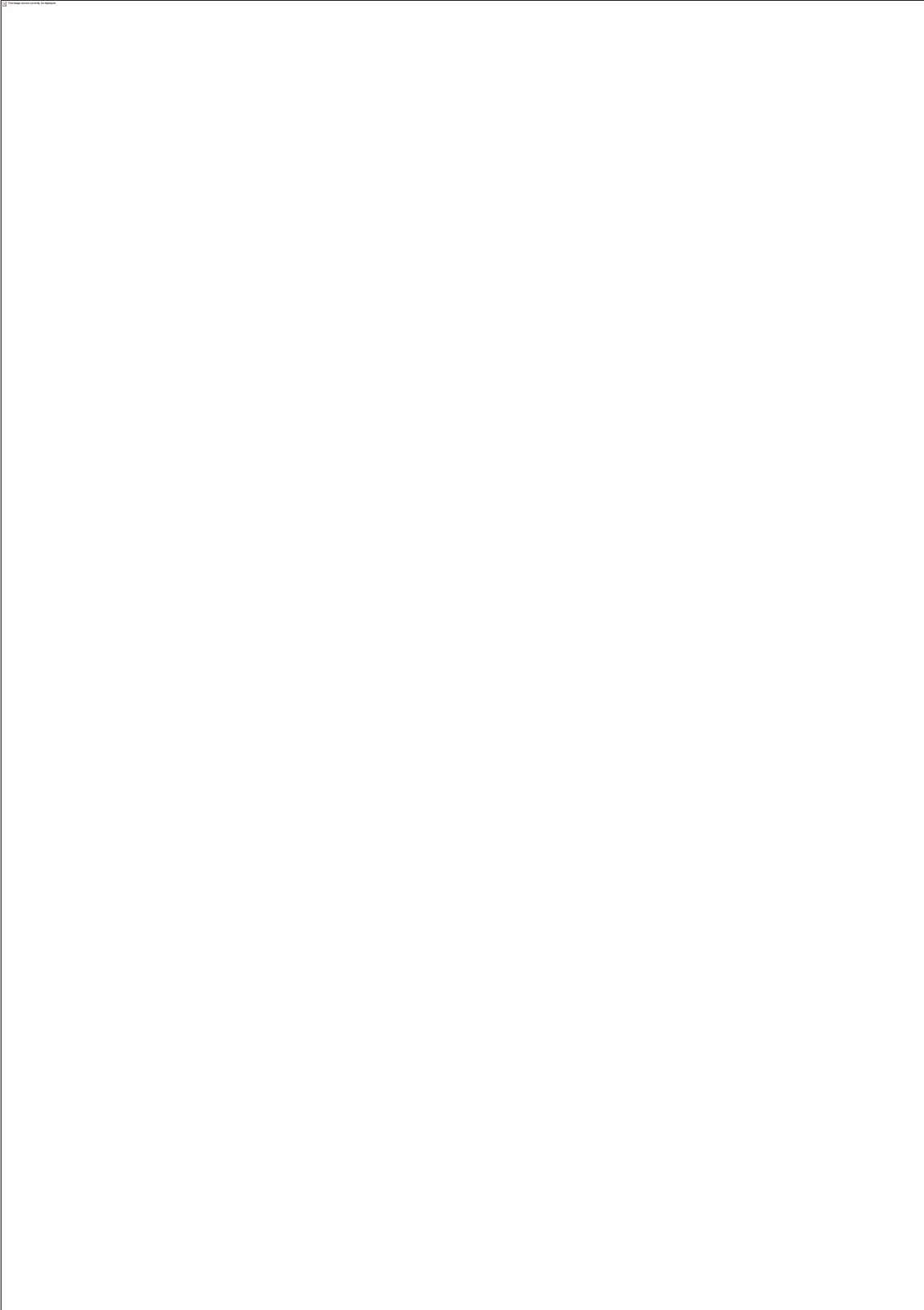




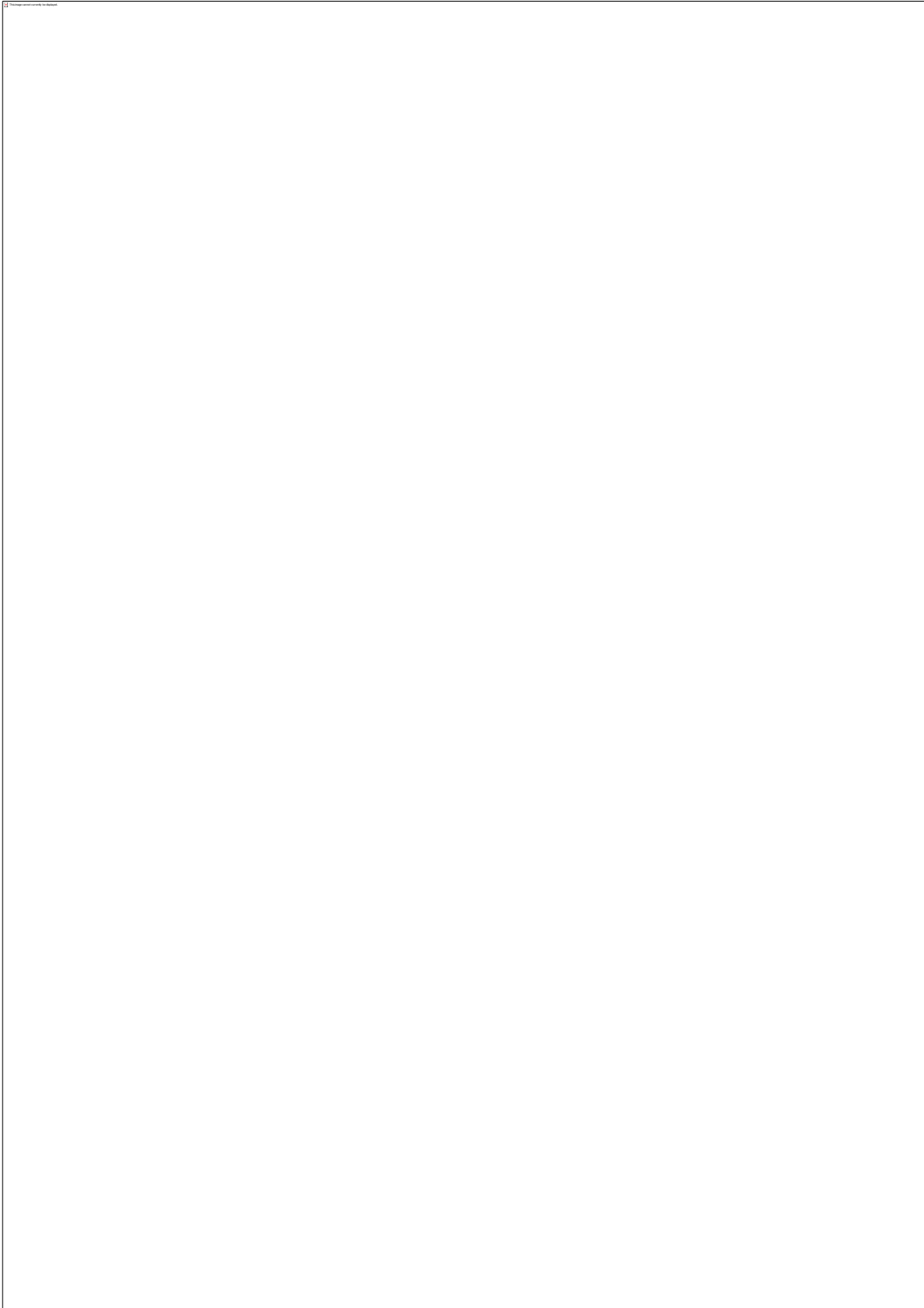


















**From:**

**Sent:** 26 February 2015 16:02

**To:** Support, SheffieldP&FM (Shared)

**Subject:** Cobnar Cottage

I wish to lodge an objection to the disposal of Cobnar Cottage to a private bidder by auction as this was a charitable gift to the Citizens of Sheffield by JG Graves, and, as such, this proposed action is highly inappropriate and morally wrong

Cotswold Road

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**From:**

**Sent:** 26 February 2015 21:45

**To:** Support, SheffieldP&FM (Shared)

**Subject:** Cobnar Cottage Graves Park

I wish to strongly protest against the proposed auction of Cobnar Cottage by Sheffield City Council.. This cottage along with Graves Park was gifted to the Council for the benefit of the people of Sheffield and it is totally wrong for the council to dispose of this gift. It is now only a liability because the Council have let it become one. If the cottage is beyond repair then the Council should gift it to the the Friends of Graves Park and let them replace it with a memorial garden which would be of no cost to the Council and be something which the people of Sheffield could still use.

I reiterate that the Council have no right to dispose of something that was given in trust to the people of Sheffield forever. FOREVER should mean FOREVER NOT 90 YEARS.

**THIS SALE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO AHEAD**

(Sheffield Ratepayer)

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