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Robert I have spoken to Elise pls include her email Jan 18th public agenda

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**From:** Elise Chambers [REDACTED]  
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Dear Council Members,

My name is Rev'd Elise Chambers and I am writing to you regarding the Old Schoolhouse in Colchester. I live in the rectory directly across from the schoolhouse.

Although I have only been in the Colchester Harrow community for around 1 1/2 years, I would like to add my thoughts.

In my time here, the Old Schoolhouse has been a fun place for activities such as the Haunted House last year. Of course, COVID has changed all of our lives, and the community activities as well, but I know once we get through the pandemic, that these activities will continue.

The community garden is loved by those who maintain it, and those of us who enjoy the presence of gardeners and visitors alike. People will often stop to chat there, and as cars drive down the street, most stop for a look at the schoolhouse.

I have lived in Sarnia, London and Petrolia and I can honestly say that I have never loved living in a community as much as I love living here in Colchester. The Schoolhouse and its property are historical and a focal point in our village and should be valued as the treasure it is. The right decision would be to not let someone develop it. If you do, it will be taking away so much from this community. Please do not focus on whatever profit can come from this. Ask yourselves what you want this area to be in the future. Right now, you still have a handle on this but decisions you make could result in Colchester ending up being a Grand Bend, taken over by commercialism and greed. I ask you to reconsider this action.

Take care, stay safe!

Blessings,  
Rev'd Elise+

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