To: Development Planning **Subject:** CIL Consultation.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The amount of development going on in the borough provides a unique opportunity to do something visionary with the large amount of CIL money coming from the numerous developers building in Havering.

Although the council is receiving less money from central government, it would be short-sighted to use CIL monies to subsidise ongoing expenditure: it would be like getting an unexpected windfall and spending it on something mundane. Something that would greatly benefit Romford would be the opening-up and greening of the River Rom through all parts of the town centre where it is not flowing underground: this would increase the appeal of properties in new developments along Waterloo Road, Rom Valley Way and North Street; go further to combat air pollution from the ring road; provide natural flood defences; make the river a destination location for visitors to and residents of the area alike, bringing benefits to the local economy. Please do not squander this once in a lifetime opportunity to do something truly positive for the borough, its occupants and those coming to the area to live, work and play. Yours faithfully,

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