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Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Dear Directors,

**RE: 21 High Street, Sawston.**

I am writing on behalf of the residents of Sawston in my constituency, who are seeking urgent action to utilise or better maintain your derelict site at 21 High Street.

Records show Stecki Investments Ltd purchased this site in 2007, when it housed the local branch of Barclays Bank. Since the branch closure in 2014, the site has remained abandoned and fenced off, a blot on what is otherwise a thriving and much-loved High Street.

I understand there was an attempt to lease the site to Sainsbury's. However, Sainsbury's has since confirmed that they no longer have any legal interest in the property, and that their leasehold has now terminated. Searches have revealed no activity on the site since that time, no attempt to lease or sell the site, and no planning applications submitted to regenerate the site.

This eyesore is a continued source of frustration for residents that are proud of their High Street. It is poorly maintained, with clear evidence of overgrowing weeds surrounding the site, and no evidence of any attempt to access the building for some years. There is certainly the potential for damage and vermin, and the fencing is both unsightly and does nothing to stop a determined intruder. I would ask you to urgently look at maintaining the site, and not to allow it to degrade further.

Furthermore, if you have no interest in developing this area, I encourage you to lease or sell the property. It is surrounded by independent shops, national chains, and well-loved pubs. I see no reason that a campaign for use of the site would not resolve in a net gain for both you as the owners and the wider community in Sawston.

I have contacted the responsible Local Authorities and urged them to take the necessary enforcement action to clean up the area.



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If you continue to be inactive in attempting to utilise the site, I will be calling on all relevant bodies to explore compulsory purchase and other options.

The people of Sawston deserve better. I urge you to use this site before someone else is required to step in.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Browne". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a long, sweeping horizontal line.

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