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Dear Council Leader Atkinson

I am writing on behalf of In Defense of Animals to express my sincere commendation regarding Sefton Council's recent decision to close the aviary at Churchtown Botanic Gardens.

I know that decisions like this are rarely easy, especially when dealing with long-standing local landmarks that hold nostalgia for the community. However, placing modern bird welfare standards above tradition takes real leadership.

Keeping birds in outdated enclosures simply because "it has always been there" is no longer acceptable. By standing firm on the reality that these birds deserve proper living conditions and care, you have demonstrated genuine ethical responsibility and leadership.

Thank you for putting animals first, even in the face of public debate. It is a principled decision that deserves recognition and support. And I hope your taxpayers appreciate the fact that it is a very sound financial decision too!

Warm regards,

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