



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Councillor Chris Kane
Stirling Council

Our Ref: AL13967

Dear Chris,

Christie's Clock

I write to raise with you my dismay at the events of the last few days regarding Christie's clock at Allan Park.

My understanding is that this was an attempt at restoration that went wrong, and I am glad at least that none of the workers or indeed general public were hurt. It remains though, a shocking failure in its execution and the dismay with which many residents have watched the footage of the clock's destruction is real, and I share it.

I appreciate there is an ongoing investigation into this and I would urge a speedy and transparent prosecution of it. If I can assist in getting good information out to our fellow residents please involve me.

- Can you confirm the intention was to restore and make safe the clock?
- What advice was taken in the planning and execution of this restoration?
- What assessment has been made of the scope for restoration now that the efforts over the weekend went so wrong?

I appreciate plans for the restoration and reinstatement of the clock are at an early stage, but can I urge that this be the intention. I would be confident that even in these difficult times for the public finances ample support exists to see the clock rebuilt safely.

Kind regards

Alyn Smith MP