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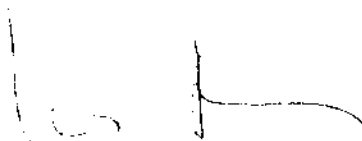
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Sunday, September 24, 2006

Dear Tom

Thank you for your letter and the enclosures. I return the petition, duly signed. I remember the Glen from my childhood and still visit it occasionally - I'm appalled at the prospect of any part of it being 'developed'. The Glen belongs, morally, to the people of Dunfermline and whoever else visits it and loves it. There is no shortage of land around Dunfermline - good grief, there are entire empty factories sitting around unused - and those who would destroy any part of the Glen for gain remind me of Oscar Wilde's definition of a cynic: one who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing. Please feel free to quote me.

With best wishes

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Iain Banks

Business School YES, but not in the Glen

We, the inheritors of Pittencrieff Glen and Park, given to us in 1903 by ANDREW CARNEGIE, petition the Trustees of the Glen to keep it intact and ask that neither business nor developers be allowed to spoil the tranquil and peaceful atmosphere.

Mr Carnegie's intention in donating land and money was that Pittencrieff with its lovely glen, should be a recreation park for the adults and children of his home town.

If there has to be a new building within Pittencrieff let it be a MUSEUM for the people of Dunfermline, wherein young and old can learn to appreciate the heritage of our ancient city.

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