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Dear Marian

I am writing on behalf on many of my constituents regarding a very distressing situation here in Berwick. There is a badger set which has set up home in Tweedmouth Cemetery. The badgers are causing damage to graves, which is extremely distressing for those with loved ones buried at the cemetery.

Northumberland County Council wants to take action to protect these graves from further damage and contacted your office in the North East seeking permission for this set to be relocated but this request has been denied.

I have received multiple messages from families with loved ones buried at the cemetery, and their distress is understandably heart-breaking.

I have attached a photo sent to me by a constituent whose son's grave has been damaged by badger activity, so you can see for yourself the damage being caused in such a sensitive location. I have the constituent's permission to share this photograph with you.

I implore you to instruct your officers in your North East Office to grant Northumberland County Council permission to relocate these badgers.

I look forward to hearing from you at the earliest possible opportunity.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Anne Marie Trevelyan'. Below the signature is a horizontal blue line.

Encl.

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