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Dear Sir

EA Balmforth asks “who are Babergh council catering for?” in removing some of the wrecks at Pin Mill (EADT August 8th). The answer is simple: we are democratically carrying out the wishes of the various communities who live at this location. In addition, Babergh has a statutory duty to look after this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

A few years ago, Babergh District Council set up the Pin Mill Task Group. This Group includes representatives from a broad range of local groups including Chelmondiston Parish Council, the local houseboat owners, the National Trust, the Pin Mill Hard Committee, the Pin Mill Preservation Society and local businesses.

This Group identified a number of essential works that were needed to improve the area and still maintain a balance between the various users of Pin Mill. One of the key concerns was the number of abandoned wrecks that were causing a danger to other users, as pieces of the wrecks would break off and float out into the shipping channel or end up on the riverbank. Something clearly needed to be done.

With funding from Babergh and other donors, we have started the process of removal. At the same time we have been able to carry out maintenance to the ‘Hard’ (the mooring facility that leads from the land into the estuary). The Task Group will continue to make further improvements to the area, once again in consultation with residents and users, all of whom deserve thanks for their help in what continues to be a very successful improvement programme.

Yours faithfully

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