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Dear Marc,

I am writing to you today to express my concerns regarding the future of the Sevenoaks Chronicle.

As you will be aware, the Sevenoaks Chronicle has a 140-year history, however it is my understanding that Reach is currently consulting on redundancy for the staff, with a view to the final working day being 28<sup>th</sup> February.

While I have been informed the paper will continue to be printed, I have serious concerns about its content and therefore future survival if local journalists will no longer be providing the copy and holding a light on local democracy and the stories of Sevenoaks residents.

Thousands will be cut off from credible community updates – which in a world of fake news, is more important than ever.

The Sevenoaks Chronicle is not just a source of news, but an institution in our town. I hope you will consider this when making your decision.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Trott'.

**LAURA TROTT MBE MP  
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT  
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