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Dear Michelangelo Pistoletto,

Thank you for your letter concerning the village of Doel.

You are definitely right, it is a rather beautiful place and the surroundings are really nice. So you surely understand that the decisions about the future of the village have only been taken after quite some discussions in the government.

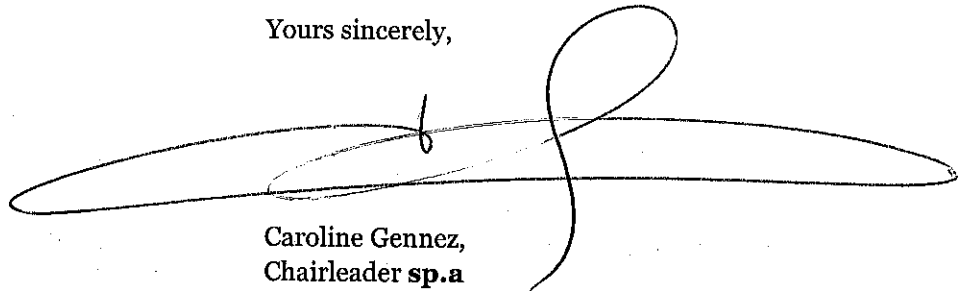
Indeed the Flemish government has decided that the village could no longer exist. Given the importance of the port of Antwerp and taking into account the need to extend its activities, there was no alternative.

Whether the Saeftinghe dock will eventually be built is yet not definitely known, but a port is more than just a couple of docks. There must be opportunities left to expand the port.

In the meanwhile the government and the mayor do their best to accompany the inhabitants to a new place to live.

I appreciate your concern and I really do agree warm values matter in these times of economical and financial crisis. But in order to face this crisis and in order to create jobs for a lot of people, some decisions have to be taken.

Yours sincerely,



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