

## Annex B – Email about repair rather than replacement

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**Subject:** Cast Iron Lamp Post at Best Price in India

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Dear All,

I have followed with interest the story around the destroyed historic lamppost in the city centre - most especially in the context of the previous representations I've made for retention of the remaining cast iron lampposts in residential suburbs.

<https://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/20034660.investigation-see-minster-gates-street-light-can-saved/>

I don't believe there can be any justification whatsoever for an inferior, cheap steel column going up in this location in the city centre, assuming CYC will be seeking the full cost of a cast iron replica from the offending vehicle insurance company might I suggest that a placement is sourced from India where cast iron columns are still made and transported all over the world to countries that still have a degree of civic pride.

If you look through the link you will actually see replica cast columns very much like the one destroyed being offered by some companies and looking up the services offered I am sure that some of these places would offer a bespoke casting service anyway.

Exchange rate translates into a reasonable price and I know Transport will likely add significantly but that should be factored into any insurance claim along with fitting by CYC and Northern Powergrid.

Look forward to confirmation that a 'real' cast iron replica is being sourced - I appreciate there will be a long lead in time but if it is installed this year it would fit in with it being dedicated to the Platinum Jubilee Year.

It might well be that if CYC establishes a good relationship with a cast iron lamppost producer in India we might see appropriate replacement columns going up at other locations in the city centre and conservation areas across the city.

If as a city there are still aspirations to gain World Heritage Status then this needs pursuing properly.

Mark.

<https://dir.indiamart.com/impcat/cast-iron-lamp-post.html>

Regards,

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