Read the letter, which was written to a newspaper. Fill in each blank with the correct gerund or infinitive form of the verb given.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I was very concerned when I read about the Council's low-cost housing plan in your newspaper last Friday. It was really difficult (1)__________ (understand) the reason why the Council intends (2)__________ (build) low-cost housing in the centre of town on the site known as New Park. Like most other people, I also object to the Council's (3)__________ (destroy) New Park.

I hope the council considers (4)__________ (change) its decision. The place for low-cost housing should be on the outskirts of town, where there is plenty of empty land, especially to the east. It seems (5)__________ (be) a good idea to use the site of the power station, now demolished, instead of New Park. New Park is used throughout the day by people who enjoy (6)__________ (do) sports. In addition, it's an ideal place for people who take pleasure from the natural surroundings. At lunchtime, it is full of office workers making the most of their break. In the evening, concerts and other events help a lot of people (7)__________ (relax). It is the only green space in the centre of town and it would be a tragedy if we lost it. Moreover, the park is full of wildlife of all kinds such as squirrels, foxes and badgers. What would happen to all these animals and the magnificent trees in the park?

The loss of New Park would be a tragedy for humans, wildlife and nature. I'd like to warn the Council (8)__________ (carry) out its low-cost housing plan there since it would be irresponsible (9)__________ (protect) the only green space in the centre of town. I look forward to (10)__________ (receive) support from others who care about this town. Let's save New Park!

Yours Sincerely,

Richard Mansfield
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ANSWER KEY

1. to understand
2. to build
3. destroying
4. changing
5. to be
6. doing
7. (to) relax
8. not to carry
9. not to protect
10. receiving