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Dear Sirs

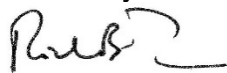
**Holocaust Memorial Bill
Site selection consultation**

1. We have seen the letter of 29.1.24 from Pinsents to the Select Committee regarding consultation. We note this says at para 6:

The Foundation conducted a very extensive site search, which included publication of a request for suggestions of sites which might prove suitable. Only after considering around 50 possible sites did the Foundation conclude that Victoria Tower Gardens was uniquely capable of meeting the requirement for prominence, and should therefore be recommended to the Government. **General public consultation was not carried out at this stage** of recommending a preferred site. **(emphasis added)**

2. The Promoter admits to his own failure to consult at the crucial stage.
3. Nor indeed was there any other sort of consultation before site selection.
4. As for the relevance of a Public Inquiry, that is of course entirely different from earlier site selection. The Inspector recognised this important distinction at 15.124-126 of his Report.
5. We trust this clarifies the record of events and the lack of relevant consultation.

Yours faithfully



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cc. Pinsents (Robert Owen)