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Subject: Victoria Tower Gardens

Following the outcome of the public inquiry into the Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre project in Victoria Tower Gardens I am proposing a compromise proposal which substantially avoids the harms caused by the UKHMLC, as identified by the Inspector in his report. The attached sheet lists these harms (paragraph numbers noted). The loss of useful open space for the local population seems particularly regrettable. In addition the Inspector did not identify the damage to the park as a much-used location for political comment on TV, nor its occasional use as a gathering space before public demonstrations outside Parliament, both valuable democratic functions.

My alternative compromise proposal avoiding these harms is shown on the two attached sheets of drawings. The underground element, shown by the dashed red line, is the same area as the approved UKHMLC proposal. The above ground element is in the position of the existing temporary building on site, planning consent for which expires in 2024, and can be at least 3x the area of the UKHMLC reception building. However the tentative memorial structure is greatly reduced in size from the huge

proposed UKHMLC memorial, having the same footprint as the Buxton Memorial and so being in scale with the park; of course another memorial design and a modified location could achieve the same result. The riverside shady garden replaces the UKHMLC forecourt ; method of access could be subject to further consideration. This proposal is tabled for consideration as it provides the significant range of public benefits offered by UKHMLC but without causing the harms.

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