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*Dear Andrew,*

Thank you for your letter dated 26 October about the Holocaust memorial.

I have followed progress of the Holocaust Memorial Commission since it was established and I am pleased that several possible locations for the memorial and learning centre have now been identified.

I completely agree that the Victoria Tower Gardens site would be an attractive option for this memorial, given that you may have the opportunity to locate the Learning centre relatively close by.

Management responsibility for almost all of Victoria Tower Gardens falls to myself rather than Black Rod. In principle, I support the option that Victoria Tower Gardens could be considered as a location for the Holocaust memorial. There are a number of factors, which will need to be given thorough consideration before it can be fully endorsed.

Although no firm decisions have been made, the Government is also considering options for the location of a National Memorial to British Victims of Overseas Terrorism, and we will want to make sure that any potential juxtaposition of this memorial and the Holocaust memorial is fully thought through.

Though I agree that this is a good option for a potential location, I have asked my officials to fully consider all options available for the location of the Holocaust Memorial and I suggest that we keep options on Victoria Tower Gardens open at this stage.

*Yours ever  
John*

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