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For the attention of Toby Cuthbertson

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Dear Mr. Cuthbertson

Ref 11/01254/FULL

Christchurch Gardens, Victoria Street, SW1H 0AY.

Erect a stone memorial dedicated to the victims of violence, in Churchill Gardens, situated on the corner of Victoria Street and Broadway

Thank you for forwarding a copy of the above application along with your letter dated 21st July 2011. We had a brief conversation during which I tried to discover more information regarding the background to the proposals since the application has none.

Without more information it is difficult to make a proper assessment of the application. In general we consider along with many others, that there are too many memorials in the centre of London. But there may be an exceptional case where accommodation might be justified. Each case comes with a supporting and strong argument as to why it is necessary and where it should be located. In this case as far as we know the site is public property.

On the face of it there are already innumerable memorials which relate to "victims of violence"; but it could be that the intention is to be specific about a certain type of victim and violence.

We therefore are not in favour of another memorial, but recommend that the Committee requests adequate information to be provided in support and justification for the intention to seek to have a memorial in Christchurch Gardens.

We trust our observations and comments will be of assistance and ask that our comments be made known to the Committee.

Yours Sincerely
for and on behalf of the Thorney Island Society

PP Tom Ball

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Chairman

