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**Reference:** 14/09312/FULL  
TP/21290 : PP-03676757

**Address:** Parliament Square, London, SW1P 3JX,

**Proposal:** A memorial to Gandhi in the form of a bronze statue, set within the existing memorials on the west side of Parliament Square Gardens, together with associated landscaping.

Thank you for consulting our amenity group on this application. It has now been considered and our observations are detailed below. The application documents and plans are returned herewith.

**Objection**  **No objection**  **No Comment**  **Further details required**   
(as stated below)

(Please tick appropriate box)

**COMMENTS:**

We are very grateful to have been invited to a consultation meeting with Donald Insall Associates, which we attended recently.

We are happy to support the current proposal for the statue with one reservation, which is that we feel that further thought should be given to the base of the statue (at the moment indicated but unspecified on the drawings). We would like to suggest that alternatives might be:

- to omit this base altogether (as in the Mandela statue) or
- for it to be Portland stone, matching the steps and plinth or
- using a stone quarried from Gujarat, Gandhi's home state in India. Here the choice would have to be made with care in order that the stone matched both the Portland stone beneath the statue and the bronze of the statue itself. This alternative was discussed at our meeting.

Signed:

Date: 29.09.14