

The campaign to protect London parks and provide for a fitting Holocaust memorial

25/07/23 Statement in response to Prime Minister's Question time announcement today and in anticipation of Holocaust Memorial Day

Last year London Parks and Gardens (LPG) won a case in the High Court which ruled that the park next to Parliament was legally protected from being built on. Responding to the Prime Minister's commitment on 25/01/23 to repeal those legal protections to build the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre, LPG said:

It is crucial that the appalling events of the Holocaust must be understood by future generations and we join with Parliament in observing Holocaust Memorial day.

Our legal challenge never sought to question the need for a fitting Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre, but simply to protect the laws which stop public parks from being built on.

It is right that Parliament will decide the best place to fulfil the noble aim of a National memorial. We respectfully urge Parliamentarians to fulfil their generational responsibility to ensure Holocaust education in a way which also protects parks as places for everyone to reflect, relax and play.