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Dear Sarah,

Thank you for your letter of 23 February.

The commitment to establish a new Holocaust Memorial is a solemn undertaking. We owe it to future generations to build a Memorial, which will act as a permanent witness to the unique evil of the Holocaust. I am clear that delays to the project must be avoided wherever possible.

I recognise you have requested a formal Direction in accordance with your responsibilities as the Accounting Officer for the Department's compliance to *Managing Public Money*. I note your advice that expenditure on the project is lawful and is covered by the Department's ambit. I note also that the project has been referred to extensively in debates and written questions in both Houses of Parliament.

This letter is to confirm that I am directing you to continue to approve expenditure as required in line with our objectives of completing the project as soon as possible and achieving value for money for the taxpayer.

I note that you will share our exchange of letters with the Comptroller and Auditor General, the Chair of the DLUHC Select Committee, the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee and the Treasury Officer of Accounts.

With every good wish,

RT HON MICHAEL GOVE MP
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