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Dear Members of the House of Lords,

I am writing to express our endorsement for the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre.

I am Head of Department of Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment at UCL's Faculty of Education and Society (IOE). The UCL Institute of Education has consistently been ranked number one in the world for education in the QS World University Rankings by Subject, holding this position for the last 12 years. In the 2025 rankings, the IOE maintained its top position.

One of our leading research and teacher-training centres is UCL's Centre for Holocaust Education which was established in 2008 and is funded by the DFE and the Pears Foundation. I have had the pleasure of working closely with the Centre in their work in Holocaust Education and antisemitism prevention.

We are confident that the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre, built in a prominent location in the heart of the nation's capital, is greatly needed and will provide an honest, candid and authentic account of Britain's association with the Holocaust and World War Two. In addition, it will bring national attention to the story of Holocaust survivors who found a home in this country after the war and will speak of their remarkable fortitude, resilience and strength.

Visitors, educators and young people will be challenged to engage, reflect, and contemplate profound questions and learn from the poignant warnings that this history presents. It will serve as a national facility to challenge prejudice, stereotyping and dangerous conspiracy theories and, as such, will provide a strong deterrent against antisemitism and other extreme and dangerous ideologies.

While educating about the distinct and unprecedented experience of the Jewish people during the Holocaust, the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre will also include the persecution and genocide of the Roma and other groups targeted during the Holocaust era.

It will serve as a catalyst for deeper and wider engagement and interest in Holocaust education across the country and will amplify cross-party commitment that every child has a right to learn about the Holocaust as part of his/her education.

We envisage that it will increase the importance of teacher education and potentially strengthen collaboration among leading Holocaust education organisations. Our Centre is keen to support its pedagogic development with insights from our cutting-edge educational research, Holocaust pedagogy and online learning innovations.

In this, the 80th year of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps including Bergen-Belsen, the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre will, we hope, achieve a positive outcome in this forthcoming legal milestone and can begin its long-awaited building work.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur Chapman".

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