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Dear Mr Mayor

I am writing to you to ask for your support to bring the national Windrush memorial to its rightful home, Windrush Square in Brixton. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to the Home Secretary on this matter.

Lambeth council welcomes your decision to launch the Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm and we hope that the Commission will work closely with local authorities. We have launched an audit of all statues, public symbols and memorials in the borough and are committed to working with the community on the future of any memorials that may be linked to the appalling crimes of the slave trade. But as well as an honest debate about some of the shameful acts of British history, it is also vital to use our public space to properly celebrate the achievements and diversity of our history that we should be proud of.

Lambeth council lobbied the government extensively during the Windrush scandal and continue to press the government to correct its failings in delivering the compensation scheme. But while we welcomed the announcement of the national Windrush memorial, we believe the wrong location has been selected and that the rightful home is Windrush Square in Brixton where many of our generation settled. As a member of that generation, I associate Waterloo station only with the trauma and hardship of the journey, not with a sense of belonging and settling in somewhere that is home as I and many others do in Brixton.

Windrush Square was named to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the Windrush. It is home to the Black Cultural Archives, the only historical institution of its kind in this country dedicated to collecting and preserving the history of African Caribbean people in Britain, as well as the national war memorial for African and Caribbean soldiers. What better recognition of the contributions of the Windrush Generation than to have this monument in Windrush Square alongside these to provide both historical and educational experience of the Windrush Generation for generations to come

We would welcome your support for this campaign, which is backed by many campaigners, including Arthur Torrington CBE of the Windrush Foundation, as well as a petition signed by over 1,700 people.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sonia Winifred".

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