Dear David Clegg,

Thank you for inviting us to comment on the proposal to erect a statue to Emmeline Pankhurst in Parliament Square.

We have no objections to this proposal, on the proviso that the existing statue of Emmeline Pankhurst located in nearby Victoria Tower Gardens should remain in place.

Both statues will serve as an important reminder of the necessity of democracy, in government as well as all other aspects of local government and society. We do note however that this is within a WCC designated ‘Zone of Monument Saturation’ so wonder if that designation is being revoked?

We write as the Planning & Conservation Working Group of the London Parks & Gardens Trust (LPGT). The LPGT is affiliated to The Gardens Trust (TGT, formerly the Garden History Society and the Association of Gardens Trusts), which is a statutory consultee in respect of planning proposals affecting sites included in the Historic England (English Heritage) Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest. Inclusion of a site in the HE Register is a material consideration in determining a planning application. The LPGT is the gardens trust for Greater London and makes observations on behalf of TGT in respect of registered sites, and may also comment on planning matters affecting other parks, gardens and green open spaces, especially when included in the LPGT’s Inventory of Historic Spaces (see www.londongardensonline.org.uk) and/or when included in the Greater London Historic Environment Register (GLHER).

Yours Sincerely,

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