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**To Whom it May Concern**

**The Jewish Museum: Letter of Support for Heritage Lottery Fund Application**

As National Chairman of the Council of Christians and Jews, it has been my privilege over the last four years to have become increasingly involved in the life of the Jewish community in Britain.

As a result, I am even more aware of the need that there is to create understanding between people of different races and religions in order for our society to remain civilised, tolerant and open. There can be no doubt that the pressures to re-write history are constantly with us and it requires a degree of moral courage to reiterate those truths which the past have taught us. The Jewish Museum is in that great line of courageous organisations which ensure that the unpalatable truths of history are confronted, as well as bringing to our attention the great achievements of Jewish people over the centuries. I have little doubt that as the years unfold, more and more attention will be needed to be given in Great Britain to the rich diversity of faiths within our society.

You will be only too aware of recent developments in anti-Semitism in England with attacks on Jewish cemeteries as well as increased anti-Semitism across Europe. I am sure you will agree that all of us must do everything we can to combat that insidious evil and, to that end, anything that helps to create understanding should surely be encouraged.

I do hope that, as part of the commitment of British society to being liberal and open, that the work of The Jewish Museum will find the highest priority in your decision-making processes.

With all good wishes

*Yours faithfully*  
*Christopher Herbert*