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Dear Mr Gentet

**Re: 10 King Henry's Road, London NW3 3RP – Dr B R Ambedkar**

I am writing to fully support the recent planning application for the above property where Dr Ambedkar lived from 1921 to 1922 to be assigned museum/memorial status.

Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar's remarkable achievements and social reforms are on the historical record. He is followed and revered by the over 260 million Dalits worldwide and is an inspiration to many more as a social reformer. Having a house where he spent two years of his life dedicated to him as resource and a visitor centre, will be invaluable for his followers and the generations of people and children interested in human rights, equality and justice.

As the Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliament Group for Dalits for past 15 years, I have drawn on Dr Ambedkar's life and work. I have referred to the legal protections he introduced in India against Caste discrimination as part of the numerous debates in Parliament on the need to outlaw Caste discrimination in the UK and on Caste discrimination issues in India.

Since 2015, I have been delighted to chair the annual meeting at the House of Lords organised by the Federation of Ambedkarite and Buddhist Organisations UK, to mark Dr Ambedkar's birthday. These meetings with speakers from academia, Parliament and the community help share the life, works and heritage of Dr Ambedkar which continue to remain relevant and significant. During last year's meeting, I welcomed two young speakers – David Orsulik (aged 14) and Adam Orsulik (12) – and their suggestion that Dr Ambedkar should

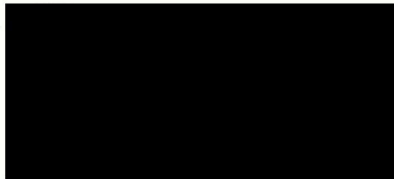
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become part of the school curriculum in citizenship classes. I wrote personally to Secretary of State for Education supporting this suggestion. 10 King Henry's Road, if the London Borough of Camden agrees to the change of status, will be of interest and a valuable resource for local school children.

Dr Ambedkar's star continues to rise internationally as one of the greatest social reformers and human rights activists of modern times. He can become part, not just of Camden's, but also of London's social and historical fabric. We can bring the Blue Plaque, already installed, to life. I very much hope Camden Council will approve the change of status of 10 King Henry's Road very soon.

We are due to have our annual meeting to mark Dr Ambedkar's birth anniversary at the House of Lords on 30 April 2018. I attach an invitation. I would very much welcome you and one of your colleague's presence if you are able to attend.

With good wishes.



Lord Harries of Pentregarth