

Dear [MP's First Name],

Subject: Request to Advocate Against the Proposed Chinese Embassy Development by the Tower of London

I hope this letter finds you well.

This is a request from a constituent for you to raise the concern of the proposed new Chinese Embassy development.

As a constituent in [your constituency name], I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed development of the Chinese Embassy adjacent to the Tower of London, a plan that has faced significant opposition due to safety and logistical concerns, particularly around public protests. I respectfully urge you to advocate against this development in Parliament, considering the serious implications it poses.

During the Tower Hamlets Council hearing on Monday, 9 December 2024, the Metropolitan Police opposed the development on the grounds that the proposed site lacked sufficient space to ensure safe protest. This concern was echoed by the Council, which unanimously rejected the application. However, I was alarmed to learn that, on 16 January 2025, the Police's objection was withdrawn following a highly unusual intervention by the Foreign and Home Secretaries. Their letter asserted that "on balance the Metropolitan Police's public order experts are content that there is sufficient space for protest without affecting the nearby road network."

This claim is demonstrably inaccurate. Since 2019, dissident groups in the United Kingdom have regularly organized protests exceeding 2,000 participants. The proposed site, by contrast, can accommodate a maximum of 200 people safely, and even that number poses risk due to its proximity to the adjacent road network. Furthermore, should the development proceed, the usable space for public gatherings will likely be reduced further due to the anticipated security measures outside the embassy entrances.

The ability to protest safely and effectively is a cornerstone of our democracy and a fundamental right that must not be compromised. Allowing this development to proceed not only jeopardizes public safety but also sets a troubling precedent that undermines our democratic values.

I kindly ask you to raise these concerns in Parliament and to advocate for the reconsideration of this proposal. Ensuring that public safety, democratic freedoms, and local Council decisions are respected is of paramount importance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope you will act to advocate against the proposed Chinese embassy development by the Tower of London. I would appreciate any updates on the actions you take regarding this issue.

Best regards,

[Your Full Name]