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## **The Public Memorials Appeal**

Charity Registration Number: 1094855

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His Grace the Duke of Wellington KG LVO OBE MC DL

Boris Johnson, Esq.  
Mayor of London  
Greater London Authority  
City Hall  
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22 September 2014

Dear Mr Mayor,

### **Re: A Statue of Baroness Thatcher LG OM**

It was reported in the Daily Mail last week that you support a statue of Baroness Thatcher on the vacant plinth in Trafalgar Square and that you are supported by Philip Hammond PC MP.

As you will remember, I visited your offices on the 25 April 2013 where I met with your aide Ben Cackett to discuss the subject of a statue of Baroness Thatcher. Following that meeting I wrote to you on the 29 April 2013 (copy enclosed) saying that this charity would immediately launch an appeal to private individuals and organisations for donations to finance this statue. The appeal was immediately launched and still continues.

Also in my letter of the 29 April 2013 I said that you would be invited to play a very prominent part in the unveiling ceremony. This will still be the case as you have proved yourself to be a great supporter of a statue of Baroness Thatcher.

The Prime Minister was also sent a copy of my letter to you of the 29 April and on the 13 May 2013 he wrote back to me thanking me for that letter and saying that he too had forwarded a copy of that letter to you. You were thus well informed of about the intention of this charity to launch an appeal for donations for this statue, although you never acknowledged my letter of the 29 April 2013.

**The position now is that I have raised most of the money for the statue of Baroness Thatcher and have therefore commissioned a sculptor who has started work on it. The statue will be in bronze and ten feet tall and it will stand on a ten foot plinth so the total height will be twenty feet. It will be finished next year.**

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The statue will be erected in Parliament Square and I have received wide support from Conservative Councillors on Westminster City Council for this proposal.

When the appeal was launched last year all Conservative members of both Houses of Parliament were sent letters asking for donations and many did donate.

In recent weeks I have had a meeting with Ian Brady MP who, as you know, is Chairman of The 1922 Committee and he on behalf of the Committee gave his unequivocal support.

Also in recent weeks the Prime Minister has again been written to and so has William Hague and George Osborne.

There is therefore absolutely no doubt that it is widely known that this charity is putting up the statue of Baroness Thatcher in Parliament Square.

Commenting on the suggestion that the statue be put up on the vacant plinth in Trafalgar Square, I would mention that the plinth is an equestrian one made for a person mounted on a horse and would therefore be totally unsuitable for any statue that does not take that form. (Perhaps the Queen's statue, with Her Majesty mounted on a horse, riding side-saddle, will one day be erected there?).

Although you did not acknowledge my letter of the 29 April 2013 I would, for the public record, be grateful if you will acknowledge this one.

Finally, may I say that I look forward to the pleasure of meeting you at the unveiling of the statue of Baroness Thatcher which, I intend, will be a very memorable occasion.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivan Saxton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ivan Saxton

CC copy to The Honourable Philip Hammond PC MP

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COPY

29<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Dear Mr Johnson,

Re: The Proposed Statue of Baroness Thatcher LG OM PC FRS

With reference to my meeting with your colleague, Mr Ben Cackett, at City Hall on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, I have had further discussions with my colleagues regarding the proposed statue of Baroness Thatcher in Parliament Square.

I would mention that even before you were reported to have suggested a statue for the Baroness, we had ourselves decided that it would be a good idea if we were to take the lead in promoting one as our function is to put up monuments and memorials of people of historical importance.

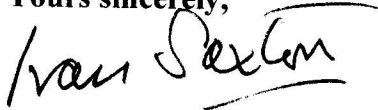
Having put up two monuments in public places (please see our website) we have gained the practical experience necessary to successfully put up a statue of the Baroness and we therefore consider ourselves to be uniquely qualified to handle this project through to completion in the shortest possible time.

Please be advised therefore that we will now immediately launch an appeal to private individuals and organisations for donations to finance this statue. This will avoid controversy as the cost will not be a burden on the public purse.

The Prime Minister has today also been written to advising him of our intention.

When Baroness Thatcher's statue is eventually erected you will of course be invited to play a very prominent part at its unveiling ceremony.

Yours sincerely,



Ivan Saxton

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# MAYOR OF LONDON

**Ivan Saxton**

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**Our ref:** MGLA300914-8223

**Date:** 09 OCT 2014

Dear Mr Saxton

Thank you for your letter of 22 September to the Mayor. As you state, the Mayor is a huge admirer of Baroness Thatcher, and keen to see the right kind of memorials to her.

The Greater London Authority (GLA) explored a possible statue of Baroness Thatcher in 2013. We were informed by friends of the Thatcher family that they were not in favour of progressing this proposal at that time, and therefore, we put the idea on hold. Are you aware of any support from the family for a statue and you will need their agreement?

I understand that you have instigated a fund-raising campaign for a memorial. However, there are several factors to consider should you wish to proceed:

- Under the Public Statues Act (Metropolis) 1854, any proposals to erect a figurative statue within the metropolitan police district of London must first have the approval of the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.
- To obtain approval under Section 5 of the Act, I understand you will be required to provide to the Secretary of State with full details of the proposal, including drawings, copies of permission letters and maintenance proposals. Final approval is given after planning permission has been received.
- All statues on GLA controlled land, including Parliament Square are subject to planning approval by Westminster City Council and due process must be applied.
- The GLA will not give formal approval to install a statue until the Thatcher family confirms it is appropriate, and planning permission is received.
- The GLA will require an endowment of at least £70,000 to cover a period of 30 years of ongoing maintenance costs.

# MAYOR OF LONDON

I trust you find the above helpful in considering to progress your plans. My officers are happy to meet with you on this.

Thank you for all your hard work on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ed Lister', followed by a horizontal line.

**Sir Edward Lister**

Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor Policy and Planning

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6 November 2015

*Dear Mr Johnson,*

### Re: The Statue of Baroness Thatcher LG OM

It was with interest that I saw you speaking in the House of Commons on the 2 November on the subject of the Housing and Planning Bill which, as you know, was televised. Your argument was logical and delivered with conviction.

On the 26 November I posted a letter to you at the House of Commons and I assume that you picked it up when you attended the House on the 2 November. Just in case you did not receive it then I here enclose a copy of it.

As you can see, I requested a private meeting with you in order to ask your help in removing a problem that I have encountered. The problem is a bureaucratic impediment to my progress with the Thatcher statue project and I believe you alone have the authority to remove it. I want to discuss the best way to do this.

I will therefore be grateful if will grant me a private meeting with you at anytime and place that is convenient for you. You can email me with your suggestion as to when and where we can meet or you can 'phone me at this office but, if I am out, then you can reach me on my mobile: 0790 181 5140.

Some 1,000 conservatives have donated towards this statue and want to see it erected in Parliament Square as soon as possible and you are the man who can help me to achieve this. Your co-operation on this matter will be greatly appreciated not only by me, but also by those staunch conservatives who have donated and who will be pleased to hear that I have received your co-operation.

Hopefully you will grant me a few minutes of your time ASAP.

*Yours sincerely,  
Ivan Saxton*

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26 October 2015

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### Re: The Statue of Baroness Thatcher LG OM

On the 29 April 2013 I wrote to you advising that this charity would commence raising funds in order to commission a statue of the late Baroness Thatcher.

Our fundraising for this cause was successful with donations being received from many conservatives in both houses of parliament plus those conservative associations throughout the country and Graham Brady and The 1922 Backbench Committee gave their support.

The ten foot statue has been commissioned and is at this time in the foundry being cast in bronze. It is a superb sculpture which will be the definitive one of the Baroness.

It is too soon to arrange a date for the unveiling but most certainly you will be invited to play a prominent role whenever it takes place.

The reason for writing this letter is because there is a problem which I believe you alone can help solve.

I therefore request a short private meeting with you at anytime and place that you care to mention so that we can discuss this problem and, at the same time, I can show you pictures of this magnificent statue.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ivan Saxton

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# MAYOR OF LONDON

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Chairman  
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**Date:**

**10 DEC 2015**

Dear Mr Saxton

Thank you for your letters of 26 October and 6 November kindly requesting a meeting with me to discuss ongoing problems with the Thatcher Statue Project.

I very much support commemorating the many achievements of Baroness Thatcher, but I do feel that the creation and placement of the statue should have the full backing of the Thatcher family.

I am more than happy to meet to discuss any ongoing problems, providing the Thatcher family are fully on board and their representative is present at the meeting.

Yours sincerely



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Mayor of London

7 January 2016

Dear Mr Johnson,

### **Re: The Statue of Baroness Thatcher LG OM**

Thank you for your belated reply dated 10 December 2015 in which you lay emphasis on my obtaining the consent of the Thatcher family in order that I may proceed to erect the statue of Baroness Thatcher in Parliament Square. I will henceforth refer to this requirement as 'the obstacle'.

As I do not have the contact details of Sir Mark Thatcher I have, over the last seven months, made four written attempts to contact him via three intermediaries who I understand have forwarded my letters to him.

I sent two letters addressed to Sir Mark via Christopher Collins of the Margaret Thatcher Foundation; one letter via Sir Julian Seymour who was the director of Baroness Thatcher's private office and one letter via Connor Burns MP. These four letters were all the same and contained a photo of the statue and my request that he sends me written confirmation that he consents to it being erected.

There is no doubt that Sir Mark has received these letters but, for some perverse reason of his own, he has never replied to any of them and so has ignored my request. To my mind, a man who ignores communications is an ignorant man.

Sir Mark can no longer say that he thinks it's too soon to erect this statue of his mother in Parliament Square. I say this because there are pictures of him on the internet showing him in Madrid where he made a speech when a square was renamed Plaza Margaret Thatcher in 2014.

Also in January 2015 he unveiled a bust of his mother in the Falklands.

I enclose pictures of him attending both of these events.

If Sir Mark were now to say that it's too soon to have a statue of his mother in London then he would reveal himself to be a hypocrite because what's good enough for Madrid and the Falklands, is surely good enough for London.

As regards Ms Carol Thatcher, I did manage to communicate directly with her by email and her initial response when she heard about the statue was to express her excitement and asked me to send her a photo of it, which I did.

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She then sent me a very terse email which I here quote exactly:-

**“Very disappointing. It does not reflect the Iron Lady at all: no handbag, nothing”. Carol J. Thatcher.**

I tried explaining to her that her mother did not carry a handbag when posing in her baronial gown and it would have been gimmicky to have sculpted her statue with one. I pointed out that there is no way in which her mother could have been depicted as the Iron Lady short of sculpting her clad in a suit of armour.

I also pointed out that Churchill and his cigars were synonymous but there is no statue of him holding a cigar and it too would have been gimmicky if his statues had been sculpted holding one.

Serious sculptors do not stoop to gimmicks by adding handbags and cigars to their sculptures but, instead, endeavour to bring out in their creations what they believe to be the inner personality of the person they are sculpting. In the case of Margaret Thatcher the sculptor has done a wonderful job by portraying her with a thoughtful expression. This statue is indeed a wonderful sculptural portrait because Margaret Thatcher was, beneath the mask, a thoughtful woman. The sculptor has also captured her in her prime as she will always be remembered by the general public.

No other sculptor will ever be able to surpass this definitive statue of this great lady. (The sculpture of her in the Falklands is by comparison a crude effigy).

These arguments, however, have cut no ice with Carol Thatcher so she too has declined to give me her consent to erect the statue.

I am sorry to say that Carol Thatcher is a philistine in the truest sense of the word because she does not recognise a wonderful work of art when she sees one. She is obsessed by a fantasy image of her mother as being the Iron Lady; an epithet meant as joke by Mikhail Gorbachev.

Normally the family of a person who is being sculpted show a high degree of gratitude towards those people who have made a statue possible. But not the Thatcher twins: it appears that they don't know the meaning of the word gratitude. By showing no gratitude and withholding their consent for the statue to be erected it's like spitting into the faces of all those people who have donated time and money towards it. Their mother would have been ashamed of them.

Having taken legal advice I understand that there is no law which requires the consent of the Thatcher family before the statue can be erected, and that 'the obstacle' is no more than a bureaucratic impediment.

It's rather like an unauthorised biography. A biographer does not need the consent of the family of a deceased person before writing the biography, and the family of the deceased person can take no legal action in order to prevent publication. Likewise, the Thatcher's have no legal veto over the putting up of this statue.

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Even the living cannot prevent a biographer writing an unauthorised biography about themselves, as Lord Ashcroft has demonstrated by his publication of 'Call Me Dave' – much to the PM's embarrassment.

I hope that you will appreciate the strenuous efforts that I have made over several months to get the consent of the Thatcher's for this project but, due to their own peculiar quirks, I have not been able to obtain it. Also I hope that you will now understand my predicament because at present I am trapped between a rock and a hard place. The rock being the irrational Thatcher twins and the hard place being 'the obstacle' required by you and your department.

As there is no law which requires the consent of the Thatcher family before the statue can be erected, then on behalf of all those staunch conservatives who have donated towards the cost of this statue project I request that you exercise your executive power as Mayor of London and remove 'the obstacle'.

If you are a conservative in spirit and not just in name, then I believe that you will do just that and therefore earn yourself the gratitude of all of those hundreds of conservatives who have donated. Just a flick of your pen and 'the obstacle' will be gone.

If, however, you will not grant this request then my inevitable conclusion will be that you are not minded to do so, rather than not able to. In which case you will be endorsing the Thatcher twin's ignorance, hypocrisy and intransigence and you personally will therefore become identified as 'the obstacle' blocking the putting up of this statue.

In that case people may well consider that this speaks volumes about you and see you in a different light, perhaps changing their opinion of you. It will certainly change my opinion of you: from being almost a hero you would become a zero.

At this stage I would like to end this letter and await your reply but, with a ten foot statue of Maggie breathing down my neck, hundreds of donors wanting to see the statue go up in the very near future and your position as Mayor ending in a few months time, then time is not on my side, especially as seven months have been wasted trying in vain to get the Thatcher twins to give their consent..

I will therefore not beat about the bush as regards the course of action that I will be forced to take if you do not remove 'the obstacle'. This will be the course of last resort and is one that I will be very reluctant to take but will take if there is no other way forward. I regret if it sounds threatening.

This course of last resort will include the following:-

1) I will write to the Queen and Prince Charles advising them of the situation and requesting their intervention. No doubt they will take a personal interest in this statue. Her Majesty will of course discuss it with the PM who will no doubt give her an undertaking to look into the matter. I will continue to write to the Queen and the Prince once a week thereafter until 'the obstacle' is removed.

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2) I will write to the PM, to all members of the cabinet and to all other conservative MP's and conservative members of the House of Lords. I will ask them to write to you and lobby you when you appear in the Commons in order to persuade you to remove 'the obstacle'. Many of them have made donations towards the statue and they may require you and your deputy mayor to appear before a committee of MP's.

3) I will write to all conservative constituency chairmen, including Wayne Bridges of the Uxbridge & South Ruislip Conservative Association, asking them to write or 'phone you requesting that you remove 'the obstacle'. Many constituencies have made donations towards the statue.

All of those people who have made donations have the right to know that it is you who, de facto, is 'the obstacle' to putting up the statue.

If I were to be forced into taking this action of last resort then it will become a Conservative Party issue and some MP or other is bound to talk to the media about it and therefore the resulting negative publicity would not be favourable to your present popular image. It will do your reputation no good.

The memory of Margaret Thatcher belongs to history and therefore to all of us; not just to her offspring. As I have proved there to be a public wish for there to be a statue of her in Parliament Square, then this statue deserves to stand there.

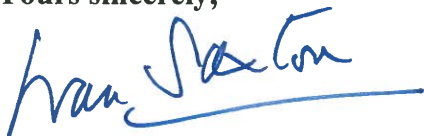
It must be appreciated that I have not come all this way with this project only to be thwarted by a bureaucratic impediment, so you can only expect me to do anything and everything possible to have it removed. You can remove it if you are so minded. As the old saying goes: 'where there's a will there's a way'.

As I have said, time is not on my side so 'the obstacle' must be removed long before your term as Mayor ends as the next Mayor may be a Labour MP and may not be sympathetic to putting up this statue.

I therefore will not be able to wait a long time for your reply, a couple of weeks at the most, because all of those people who have donated to this project are chafing at the bit. They want action now.

Finally, I implore you to follow Churchill's maxim 'Action this Day' and remove 'the obstacle'. It will prove to be the right decision if you do but, if you do not, then you will prove yourself to be no new Churchill. I hope this will not be so.

Yours sincerely,



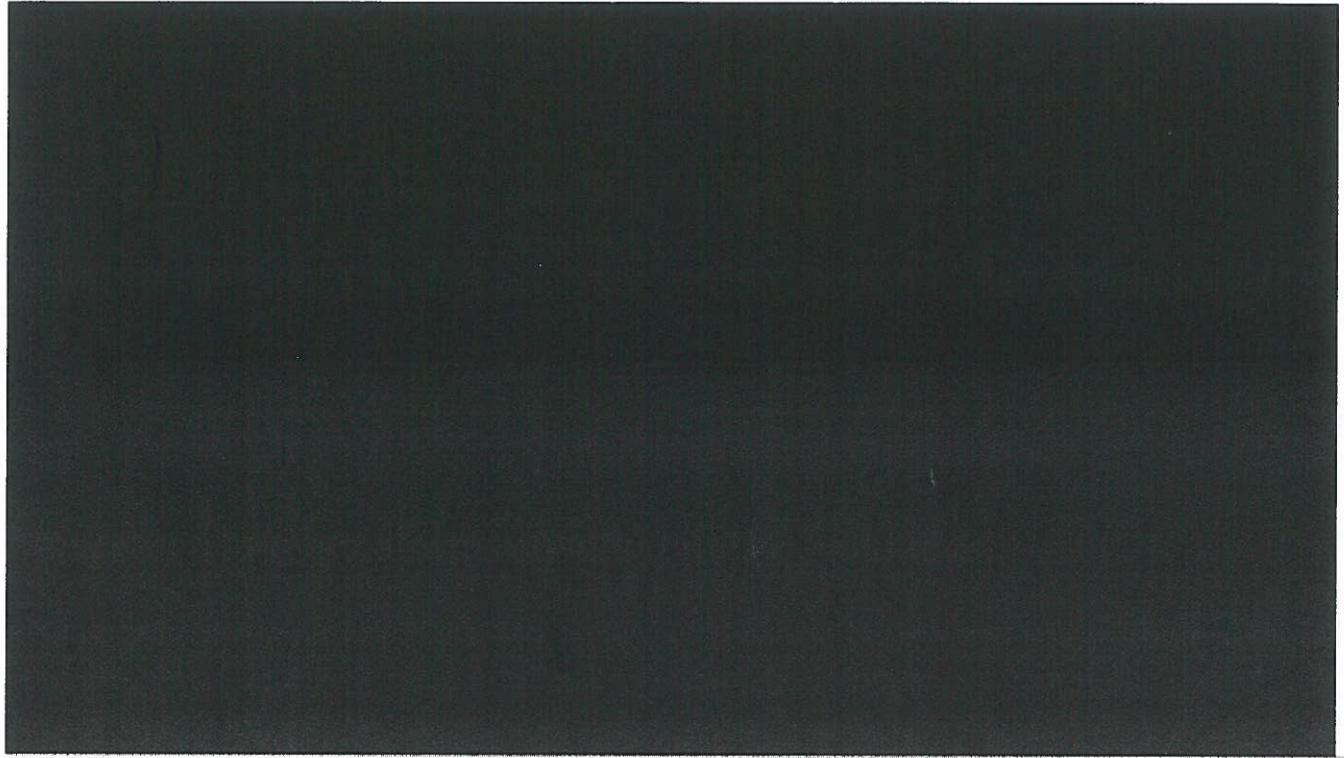
Ivan Saxton

P.S. Enclosed is a photo of the completed ten foot statue in its clay stage. It is now in the foundry being cast in bronze.



## Margaret Thatcher statue unveiled in the Falklands

The bust is at the end of Thatcher Drive, next to the Liberation Monument, which honours 255 UK servicemen and three Falklands civilians



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12:24PM GMT 11 Jan 2015

A statue honouring Margaret Thatcher has been unveiled in the Falkland Islands for the first time.

The tribute to the former Prime Minister - who led Britain to victory in the 1982 conflict to defend the islands - was revealed in the island's capital Stanley on Saturday.

After Baroness Thatcher died in 2013 the population of the Falkland Islands were consulted about how they wished to commemorate the leader.

The overwhelming response was for a statue which was unveiled at a ceremony on what is Margaret Thatcher Day on the island by her son Sir Mark Thatcher.

Local sculptor Steve Masson was commissioned to carry out the work which cost around £40,000 and stands eight foot high on a stone plinth.

The bronze statue bears a brass plaque with a quote from Baroness Thatcher on April 3, 1982: "They are few in number, but they have the right to live in peace, to choose their own way of life and determine their own allegiance."

The bust is at the end of Thatcher Drive, next to the Liberation Monument, which honours 255 UK servicemen and three Falklands civilians who died in the conflict.

Last month Argentina's ambassador to Britain Alicia Castro condemned the statue "in our Malvinas Islands" as a provocative move.

The Mail On Sunday reported she said: "What the UK is doing is celebrating war."



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## Margaret Thatcher honoured alongside Picasso and Columbus in Madrid square

Sir Mark Thatcher attends inauguration ceremony in Spanish capital, which marked the first city square outside the UK to honour his mother



Sir Mark Thatcher address dignitaries at the inauguration of Plaza Margaret Thatcher in Madrid Photo: SOLARPIX.COM



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3:47PM BST 15 Sep 2014

A luxurious central Madrid square was named after Margaret Thatcher on Monday, in a gesture that will see the late prime minister remembered alongside sculptures by Pablo Picasso and a statue to Christopher Columbus.

Sir Mark Thatcher attended the inauguration ceremony in the Spanish capital, which marked the first city square outside the UK to honour his mother.

"I know that her history, her honour, will be adequately well defended by the people of Spain, the

Knightsbridge, and is alongside the Plaza Colón, which features a statue of Christopher Columbus atop a column. Running past the square is Madrid's main north-south thoroughfare, the Paseo de la Castellana, where glittering skyscrapers house many Spanish and international companies' headquarters.

"Salamanca is Madrid's most conservative district in terms of PP votes and is one of the party's bastions in the city, so that is why we have decided to leave her in good hands, shall we say," he said.

While it has been open to the public for years, the site is still owned by the adjacent Banco de Madrid bank and the luxury Meliá Fénix Hotel. It will become council property after the owners redevelop it, turning it into an open-air museum by donating works of art by Picasso and Salvador Dalí, amongst others.

In addition to the square, a Margaret Thatcher state school is under construction in Madrid's Barajas suburb. Although Baroness Thatcher is the only British Prime Minister to have a square or street named after her in the capital, there is also a Winston Churchill school in the greater Madrid area.

Also in attendance at the ceremony were Simon Manley, the British ambassador to Spain, and **Conor Burns, the Conservative MP for Bournemouth-West.**

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named in Sept. 2014

Conor Burns, Esq. MP  
House of Commons  
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—He was there when the  
Square in Madrid was named  
after Margaret  
Thatcher.

21 September 2015

Dear Mr Burns,

Re: Sir Mark Thatcher Bt.

As you may be aware, this charity has commissioned a 10 foot bronze statue of the late Baroness Thatcher which we intend to erect in Parliament Square. The statue is in the bronze foundry and is in its last stages of production.

The statue has received wide support from many individual conservative MP's including the Chairman of the 1922 Committee, Ian Brady.

We now need the consent of Sir Mark Thatcher but thus far our attempts to contact him have not been successful.

As we understand that you are involved in The Margaret Thatcher Centre then perhaps you will be able to forward the enclosed letter to Sir Mark but, if not, then kindly return it to us.

We thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Ivan Saxton

# MAYOR OF LONDON

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**Our ref:** MGLA120116-2670

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Dear Mr Saxton

**Re: The Statue of Baroness Thatcher LG OM**

Thank you for your letters with regards to your proposed statue of Baroness Thatcher for Parliament Square.

As you have made clear the Thatcher family have either refused to engage with you or have given you firm opinions that they do not like your proposed statue. This is something that simply cannot be ignored. As I understand it one of the fundamental objections is that you have commissioned and cast a statue of late Baroness Thatcher in the formal state robes of a peer of the House of Lords. You have stated on several occasions that this shows Baroness Thatcher at her prime, the family simply do not agree. This is not about handbags it is about depicting Baroness Thatcher at the pinnacle of her career which you must agree was when she was Prime Minister and not as peer.

All your efforts have been done without consultation, had you consulted and involved the family rather than ploughing ahead you may well have gotten the family on your side and dare I say we might have already unveiled a statue to one of our greatest Prime Ministers. However you have not consulted and the descent is not coming from some distant relative who never met the Baroness. The dislike to your proposal and the refusal to engage with you is coming directly from Baroness Thatcher's children and it is for this reason that the Mayor has not supported your proposal and I have to agree that this is the right decision.

Both the statue of Winston Churchill and statue of Lloyd George had strong family support; both statues depict these Prime Ministers at the top of their career. So involved and approving were the Churchill family that Lady Clementine Spencer-Churchill herself unveiled the statue of her late husband.

Therefore, I am not able to assist you in this matter

Yours sincerely



**Sir Edward Lister**

Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor, Policy & Planning