

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL BILL**

**Statement to the Standing Orders Committee**

**TO THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE FOR PRIVATE BILLS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS**

**SUBMISSION BY**

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**ON BEHALF OF THE BUXTON FAMILY**

**AND**

**THOMAS FOWELL BUXTON SOCIETY**

1. This document deals briefly with the Examiners' conclusion that Standing Orders 4, 4A, 10, 11, 38 and 39 apply and have not been complied with.
2. The Buxton family and Society have only two points to add to the conclusions of the Examiners.
3. First, and this is self-evident, they consider that the Standing Orders are there for a purpose and in particular the Notice requirements must surely be complied with. Once that it is done it may well be that relevant information will in fact be available on the internet. However it is very important that the basic information as to the existence of the hybrid Bill is publicised properly.
4. In principle therefore, compliance with them should not be dispensed with.
5. Secondly, and specifically with regard to SO 38(2), we observe that the Bill must be accompanied by a printed memorandum describing the bill generally and every clause in it. The Bill as presently published indeed contains substantial "Explanatory Notes" which are assumed to be intended to comply with this. Those contain at paragraph 10 this statement:

10 The Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities is of the view that the Bill as introduced into the House of Commons does not contain provision which, if enacted, would be environmental law for the purposes of section 20 of the Environment Act 2021. Accordingly, no statement under that section has been made.

6. We believe this statement to be erroneous because the definitions of “natural environment”, “environmental protection” and “environmental law” in sections 44 to 46 of the 2021 Act are such that a statement should be made pursuant to section 20.
7. We appreciate that it is not for the Standing Orders Committees to ensure compliance with this provision of the Environment Act 2021, but it is a further specific reason why Standing Orders should be complied with and the possibility of any dispensation given the most cautious consideration. Here at the heart of this Bill is the protection, or otherwise, of Victoria Tower Gardens as a park with environment consisting of gardens and trees, so it is most important that this is correctly dealt with in the Bill procedure.
8. Similarly, while the purposes of the Bill are indeed in theory as set out in its introduction, we query whether the reference to removal of restrictions in respect of “certain land” is unnecessarily imprecise for a reader new to the matter when the land in question is known.
9. We have seen statements in draft from others who submitted memorials to the Examiners and concur with what they say.

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On behalf of

(1) MEMBERS OF THE BUXTON  
FAMILY

(2) THE SIR THOMAS FOWELL  
BUXTON SOCIETY

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