

# Sikh Council UK welcomes steps on London Sikh War Memorial

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Sikh Council UK welcomes the launch of a petition by Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi MP calling upon the Government to agree to a monument marking the sacrifices of Sikh soldiers in service of Great Britain including in both world wars. It is an open petition which can be signed by all and can be found at the following address <http://chn.ge/2BXYO97>

The petition follows an Early Day Motion (EDM 708 <http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2017-19/708>) tabled in Parliament by Tanmanjeet as well on 19 December. The EDM has been very well received and has to date attracted signatures from 244 MPs within a week from across all political parties including the parliamentary leaders of all the opposition parties: Jeremy Corbyn (Labour), Ian Blackford (SNP), Nigel Dodds (DUP), Vince Cable (Liberal Democrats), Liz Saville-Roberts (Plaid Cymru) and Caroline Lucas (Green). This is by far the largest numbers of signatures for an EDM this year and signifies broad support across the political spectrum for the monument.

Sikh Council UK Secretary General Jagtar Singh said “Sikh Council UK and our member organisations have been calling for a monument in a central London location to mark the Sikh war effort for the past few years and it is pleasing to see Tanmanjeet has taken a lead on this issue since becoming an MP. We welcome the progress being made and are committed to supporting him in the various work-streams involved in making this project come to fruition”.

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