

from
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to

Sir Keith Park Memorial Campaign

Dear Mr Gray,

I am the Chairman of the Hawkes Bay Aviation Heritage Association Inc, New Zealand. The Patron of our organization is Sqn Ldr John Pattison DSO DFC, a Battle of Britain fighter pilot. Our Association would like to indicate support for the Sir Keith Park Memorial Campaign Planning Applications for the placing of two statues of Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park, GCB, KBE, MC and Bar, DFC, RAF (15 June 1892 - 6 February 1975). The first planning application is made with the agreement of the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson and the GLA, and is for a temporary installation of a statue of Sir Keith Park on the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square. The second application, which has the support of many varied organisations and individuals, is for a permanent bronze statue of Sir Keith Park to be subsequently and permanently located in Waterloo Place, installed as an integral part of the 2010 commemoration of the Battle of Britain. Sir Keith Park's tremendous achievements during the Battle of Britain (and in World War 1 and World War 2) remain to date largely unrecognised by the majority of the public. I believe that a fitting recognition would be the placement of a memorial statue to Sir Keith, who apart from his remarkable personal achievements, and the achievements of all those he led, also stands as a figure of recognition for the commonwealth individuals who gave so much, both directly and indirectly, during the Second World War. The Sir Keith Park Memorial Campaign has special significance to New Zealand, not only because Sir Keith was one of our countrymen, but also because more New Zealand fighter pilots fought in the Battle of Britain than from any other Commonwealth nation. Installing these statues of Sir Keith Park would go some way to raising the profile of the sacrifice of so many for all of us in Britain and the Commonwealth today

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commemorating a great man whose vital role has for far too long been
overlooked.

Yours sincerely,

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here is their reply

Dear Graham,

On behalf of the Sir Keith Park Memorial Campaign, thank you for your
recent letter in support of the planning applications to the
Westminster City Council.

We value the support of the Hawkes Bay Aviation Heritage Association
Inc as we enter this final and crucial stage of the campaign.

Please find attached an electronic copy of the January edition of the
Sir Keith Park Memorial Campaign newsletter. We would be most
grateful if you could put it up on the Association's website.

We need to get the newsletter and call to action out to as many people
as possible as we enter the final phase of the campaign. Please feel
free to forward this e-mail or an edited version to your networks.

The planning applications for statues in London to commemorate New
Zealander, Sir Keith Park have now been submitted to the Westminster
City Council by the Sir Keith Park Memorial Campaign.

This is the final stage of the campaign to have a tribute to Sir
Keith, who commanded the RAF 11 Fighter Group during the Battle of
Britain, erected permanently in Waterloo Place (next to the Athenaeum)
and also a temporary version on the 4th Plinth in Trafalgar Square.

The campaign to recognise Sir Keith's remarkable achievements has made
great progress over the last twelve months and, if successful, the

planning applications will see a magnificent statue of Sir Keith created by Wellington's Weta Workshop erected later this year to stand for six months on the fourth plinth in London's historic Trafalgar Square. A permanent memorial to Sir Keith will then be unveiled in September 2010 as one of the major events during the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

The campaign is calling on Kiwis to lend their support to this final stage by sending letters in support of the planning applications to the Westminster City Council. In support of the planning applications the campaign is aiming to generate as many letters/emails as possible.

Supporters can visit the campaign web site at <http://www.sirkeithpark.com> and in the left hand column there is a click through banner that takes you to an email letter of support. All you have to do is drop your name into the profoma and e-mail it off (takes less than 60 secs).

Opposition Leader, Hon Phil Goff and the RNZAF Association are also among those like your Association that have already written to the Council to support the applications.

Graham, we'd really appreciate the further support of the Hawkes Bay Aviation Heritage Association in updating your members and networks about the need for support and how they can get involved during this critical stage of the campaign.

Thank you again for your assistance. Please let me know if you need any other information or if you would like us to mail out printed versions of the newsletter to any of your members.

Kind regards

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New Zealand Coordinator
Sir Keith Park Memorial Campaign