

Holocaust education

SIR - I write in support of the Buxton family, who are concerned about the Holocaust Memorial proposed for Victoria Tower Gardens (Letters, August 19). The project is ill-conceived and it is not anti-Semitic to say so.

Those survivors and their families - including me - who were consulted were not given all the facts. We were not told about the size or nature of the park, nor about concerns regarding the children's playground and damage to trees and existing monuments.

Many members of the Jewish community fear this plan will spark a rise in anti-Semitism. I have plenty of ideas for educating people about the Holocaust, but this is not it. The design is ugly. It will not adequately memorialise the six million dead nor will it stop prejudice against Jews.

When my daughter and her family returned to Israel from London after a couple of years, I asked my son-in-law, an architect, what he had liked best about the city, aesthetically speaking. "The Royal Parks," he said. "They're also so good for children."

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