

24 October 2022

Dear Stakeholder,

COVID COMMEMORATION CONSULTATION

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the <u>UK Commission on Covid</u> <u>Commemoration</u>. The Commission has been established to secure a broad consensus from across the whole of the United Kingdom on how we commemorate the COVID-19 pandemic, and to mark this distinctive period in our history at a national and community level. The Commission will report its recommendations to the Prime Minister by the end of March 2023.

The Commission is consulting widely with stakeholders across the United Kingdom, and, today, the UK Commission on Covid Commemoration has launched a consultation giving people across the UK the opportunity to say how they think the pandemic should be remembered and with possible suggestions including the adoption of a Remembrance Sunday-style symbol, dedicated memorials and reflective spaces. The Commission is also seeking suggestions on suitable dates to hold a national day of remembrance and views on how future generations should be educated about the sacrifices made throughout the pandemic, as well as marking key achievements such as the development of the vaccines and the valuable contribution made by volunteers.

The consultation will run for 6 weeks ending on Monday, 5 December and the consultation is available in various accessible formats. Details on how to complete the consultation are available on our gov.uk page here. I would be grateful if you could complete this consultation and encourage others in your organisation to do so, as it is vitally important that we hear views from as many different people as possible.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat at ukcovidcommemoration@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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