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**LONDON ASSEMBLY LABOUR**



**Andrew Dismore AM**

**Date:** 23 January 2018

Dear Sadiq,

**Re: Camden's bid for London Borough of Culture**

I am writing to support the bid by Camden to become the London Borough of Culture. One of the delights of representing Camden is the wide array of world-class high quality cultural institutions and venues.

From the British Library and the British Museum, to the Grant Museum of Zoology, Kenwood House and the Camden Arts Centre. Camden's culture is right on the gateway to Europe and the Eurostar terminal at St. Pancras. Camden's cultural offer is global and diverse, with JW3, London Jewish Museum and the London Irish Centre. Not to mention the many Mosques, Churches and Synagogues in the borough.

Camden is a center for entertainment, with theatres and entertainment spaces such as the Roundhouse, the Shaw Theatre, Camden People's Theatre, New Diorama Theatre and Etcetera Theatre. Camden has a formidable musical heritage, as the home of George Michael, Amy Winehouse, KOKO and the Dublin Castle pub.

Camden Market, University College London and the School of African and Oriental Studies are global brands too. Camden is so well endowed with culture, that even in death Camden has the world-famous Highgate Cemetery!

Camden's renowned hospitality includes award winning curry houses on Drummond Street, and LGBT venues, such as Her Upstairs.

The strength of Camden's bid comes from the hard work the Council has put in at grassroots level to involve residents. The bid showcases the world class institutions that make Camden such a special part of London ensuring that not only will the local community benefit – but the whole of the city and indeed the UK. The bid includes festivals from Wales and a strong international thread involving JW3, the London Jewish Museum and the London Irish Centre. It will strongly enforce the good work you have been doing as Mayor to say the London is Open.

I therefore hope you will give strong consideration to Camden's bid for London Borough of Culture, and help further establish Camden's global reach and influence.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Dismore". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Andrew Dismore AM**

Labour London Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden