

Dear Committee Members,

Firstly I would like to thank you for considering the petition.

Having read Mr. Skates response dated 20th September 2017 which states that the sculpture is paused for review, I would like to ask for further confirmation that the plans for the sculpture will not go ahead.

With the petition it was never my intention to take any funding away from flint castle, the campaign was solely to try and stop plans for what myself and the signees of the petition saw as a deeply offensive artwork commemorating Edward I whom built flint castle and the "Iron ring" of castles.

There is a strong connection that many welsh people feel in regards to our history and the building of such a sculpture we feel would be disrespectful to our ancestors whom suffered under the oppression and subjugation of Edward I.

I understand the significance of Flint Castle where Richard II surrendered the crown of England to his cousin Henry IV both of whom were paternal descendants of Edward I but I fail to see what relevance this or indeed Shakespeare has with Wales' Year of Legends.

Both Cadw and George King Architects stated that "the sculpture symbolizes a giant rusted crown representing the intimate relationship between **the medieval monarchies of Europe and the castles they built.**" I believe that with this and the fact that the sculpture is called the "Iron Ring" it is easy to see why many people found the sculpture offensive, although the castles should stand as a reminder of the resilience of our ancestors, the fact that the castles were built to subjugate and oppress is something we should neither forget nor glorify.

Yours Sincerely

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