



PROPOSAL FOR A RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP WITH SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

1. OVERVIEW

We seek a formal partnership with Spelthorne Borough Council for the purpose of making an application to the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) to conduct research into historical monuments and the legacies of empire.

Spelthorne Borough Council is currently conducting a review of historical monuments within the borough, specifically of the 'Lendy Lion' memorial, and this project can support this process by providing independent and rigorous historical research and analysis for the purposes of decision making by the Council.

2. AIMS OF THE RESEARCH

The aims of the research are to investigate the contemporary implications of monuments and other acts of commemoration associated with slavery and colonialism within the UK today.

To note:

- i. The research project and the reports will not make any political recommendations for what should be done with the historical monuments and acts of commemoration under review.

3. OUTPUTS

The research project will result in academic publications, research reports, and teaching materials. Proposed outputs of interest to Spelthorne Borough Council will be:

1. **Full and detailed report on 'The Lendy Lion' historical monument** (to be made available to Spelthorne Borough Council as soon as possible)

The report will include the following information:

- i. Historical background on the historical monument;

- ii. What or who it commemorated or memorialized at the time it was erected;
- iii. Who erected it and why;
- iv. Artistic/aesthetic value of the historical monument;
- v. Areas of certainty and ambiguity in the historical record regarding the historical monument;
- vi. Areas of potential controversy

2. Public information booklet

The booklet will contain the same basic information as the report above but will be presented in an easily accessible format aimed at a general public readership. This booklet can be used as an educational resource.

4. SUPPORT

The project will be funded by the AHRC. No financial support is requested from Spelthorne Borough Council. **We do ask for a letter of support from the Council which will be included in the funding application. The letter of support is to include the following information:**

- Confirmation of commitment to the proposed research project
- An explanation of the value, relevance and possible benefits of the research project