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Dear Cheryl

Thank you for your letter of 23rd November, addressed to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, the Rt Hon Ben Bradshaw MP, enclosing one from Cllr Thomas Samuel Hearn, Chairman of The John Hampden Society, of 134 Park Road, Chiswick, London W4 3HP, who would like to see 10 Downing Street renamed Hampden House. It has been passed to me to reply in my capacity as Minister for Culture.

There is no doubt that John Hampden was admired by members of all political parties at the time as an MP of honour and integrity. However, 10 Downing Street is an address recognised the world over as the home of the Prime Minister and there are no plans for it to be renamed.

Yours ever

MARGARET HODGE MP