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His Majesty The King

Sir,

On behalf of the residents of the London Borough of Merton, we would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to Your Majesty and to the Royal Family as you mourn the loss of Queen Elizabeth II.

As our country's longest reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II has been a constant source of strength and hope throughout our lives.

Merton has had the privilege of welcoming Queen Elizabeth II to our borough on a number of royal engagements during her reign, including for The Championships at Wimbledon in 1957, 1962, 1977 and 2010. Queen Elizabeth II also visited St Mark's Academy in Mitcham as part of her Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012 and most recently Morden, in 2019, when she opened a new development of 70 homes for the Haig Housing Trust.

Queen Elizabeth II's deep sense of duty and public service over the last 70 years has been an inspiration to us all.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hannah Doody".

Hannah Doody
Chief Executive Officer