

P-04-447 Campaign for Statue of Henry VII in Pembroke – Correspondence from the petitioner to Committee, 19.12.13

Dear Sir

Thank you for your correspondence and the kind words at the last Petitions Committee Meeting. Unfortunately I do not have much to add to my previous e-mail other than to reiterate my firm belief that such a statue would help raise a degree of awareness for Pembroke by linking it irrevocably to the Tudor Dynasty in such a visual and newsworthy manner.

With specific regards to the most recent developments concerning the feedback from Pembroke Castle Trust and Pembroke Town Council, my feeling is that the Statue has a solid support base within the community with many of the public figures feeling such a monument is deserving in the town. As with all things, funding is an issue and it is for this reason, without any independent benefactor, that I have appealed to the Welsh Government to intercede and if not fund then to hopefully take up the mantle of using their considerable credibility and experience to directly appeal to potential sponsors to make this idea a reality.

It is my understanding that Pembroke have recently utilised an EU grant to create a large Tudor Rose paved display in the town and a statue would certainly contribute to this development. Pembroke, and Pembrokeshire, as an ability to market itself as a Tudor County and appeal to the legions of people interested in the era across Britain and indeed the World. Warwickshire successfully markets itself as Shakespeare County and Nottinghamshire equally as Robin Hood Country. I have recently penned a book entitled Tudor Wales; A Guide for a publisher and I feel the plethora of Tudor links the county in general has would be bolstered further with a statue to complement the wonderful castle. There is currently scores of Tudor-related TV being made by many historians yet all seem unaware of the locations within West Wales, locations which are equal to anything found in England.

I once again call upon the Assembly to seriously consider accepting this petition as one that is built on a groundswell of support within the area and to aid Pembroke in furthering itself as a potential Tourist attraction to people across Britain and abroad.

Yours Sincerely

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