



ENGLISH HERITAGE

Mr Michael Gray  
Marmalade Productions

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Dear Mr Gray,

**BLUE PLAQUES: MARC BOLAN [Mark Feld], 1947-1977**

English Heritage has considered your suggestion that a blue plaque should be erected to commemorate Marc Bolan at 31 Clarendon Gardens, London, W9.

I regret to say that, following advice from our Blue Plaques Panel, we have concluded that Marc Bolan is currently of insufficient stature within the field of music for commemoration under our scheme. As you may know, the field of popular music is not yet well represented by blue plaques, so the Panel was very interested in your suggestion. However, whilst aware of Bolan's ongoing popularity, the Panel felt that it was as yet too early to fully assess his lasting reputation, especially as many of his contemporaries are still living. Although suggestions cannot be reconsidered till ten years have passed, I hope you might consider re-nominating Bolan in ten years time. The Panel also noted that Bolan's most important London home, 25 Stoke Newington Common, already bears a plaque (erected by Hackney Council).

As you know, we receive a great many suggestions for plaques each year and have to balance the claims of each against those of others in their chosen field. Only a small number are erected annually, and we therefore have to be very selective in our adoption of suggestions.

I am sorry we are unable to adopt your suggestion and regret the disappointment this will cause. We were most grateful for the biographical information you sent us.

Yours sincerely,

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