

Harlow Labour Party
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29 October 2020

Dear Cllr Shears and Cllr Ingall,

Re: Antisemitism in Harlow Labour

Today, the EHRC has announced that the Labour Party broke the Equalities Act on three counts with regard to antisemitism.

Whilst the Labour leader, Sir Keir Starmer, has issued warm words on tackling antisemitism in the party, he stood by as a top member of Jeremy Corbyn's team whilst antisemites were given free reign in the party. Indeed, he campaigned to make Mr Corbyn Prime Minister.

At last year's General Election, Harlow Labour knocked on the doors of residents campaigning not only to make Mr Corbyn Prime Minister, but also to elect their local candidate, who was reportedly involved in this fiasco¹.

Sir Keir said in his speech that anyone who was antisemitic "should be nowhere near this party". He also added that those "who think there's no problem with antisemitism in the Labour Party, that it's all exaggerated or a factional attack, then frankly, you are part of the problem too and you should be nowhere near the Labour Party either."

With this in mind, will you be suspending your members who have, for example, written about Israel looking for a "*Jewish final solution to the Palestine problem*"² or "*defended a notorious antisemitic image*"³ or will you continue to take no action?

Will you also agree to implement enhanced vetting of your future District and Parliamentary candidates so that antisemitism does not resurface in Harlow Labour Party again?

The time for warm words are over. It is time for you to act.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Russell Perrin
Chairman of the Harlow Conservatives

Cllr Andrew Johnson
Leader of the Harlow Conservative Group

¹ YourHarlow.com (2019), Political storm as Jewish News claims Harlow Labour's election candidate Laura McAlpine defended 'Jewish final solution' slur, available from: <https://www.yourharlow.com/2019/11/08/political-storm-as-jewish-news-claims-harlow-labours-election-candidate-laura-mcalpine-defended-jewish-final-solution-slur/>

² Jewish News (2019), Labour activist who wrote of 'Jewish final solution' pictured alongside Corbyn, available from: <https://jewishnews.timesofisrael.com/labour-activist-who-warned-of-jewish-final-solution-pictured-alongside-corbyn/>

³ The Jewish Chronicle (2019), Labour activist removed from parliamentary candidate shortlist after JC reveals he defended notorious antisemitic image, available from: <https://www.thejc.com/news/uk/labour-activist-and-would-be-mp-defended-notorious-antisemitic-image-1.490538>