

EMERGENCY MOTION PASSED BY BRENT COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON 14 SEPT.

Joint Motion in the names of Councillor John, Councillor Blackman and Councillor Lorber.

This Council re-affirms our commitment to ensure that all residents have the right to practise the religion of their choice in peace and harmony.

This Council notes the events at the Harrow Central Mosque and congratulates the police for the way that they carried out their activities, the congregation of the mosque and the mosque leaders for exercising appropriate restraint and also all political parties on Harrow Council for acting to promote community cohesion.

This Council condemns the ignorant, pointless and misguided attempts by extreme anti-Islamic elements to carry out a demonstration against the Islamic faith outside the mosque during Friday prayers and during the period of Ramadan. This Council also condemns outsiders within the counter demonstration who refused to respond to the restraint called for by mosque leaders, and who resorted to attacks on the police.

This Council will oppose any similar types of demonstrations in this borough and resolves to work with the police and leaders of the mosques to prepare suitable plans to combat this threat, should it ever unfortunately occur in Brent. Brent Council remains committed to tolerant, peaceful expression of religious and racial freedom.