

APPENDIX P(a)

1. Saint Hill Road



2. Causeway



PSPO Area

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Our ref: PDH/COS

22 November 2024

Dear Mr Turner

RE: Public Spaces Protection Order – Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead

As you know, in this matter, I represent Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc of Saint Hill Manor, Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead ("the Church").

Following the decision of the Council to closely monitor the protest that took place at the entrance of the Church on Saint Hill Road between 25 and 27 October 2024, I am writing to provide you with the Church's own observations regarding this.

I should firstly say that while both you and Church volunteers encouraged people to send you statements using your online system, it is evident that a lot of Church members missed this or were wary or unwilling to do this. Accordingly, I will summarise the complaints that were heard in the Church.

The first general observation is that the constant presence of 4 Mid Sussex District Council officers during the 3 days of protesting very clearly resulted in improved behaviour on the part of the protestors. This can be seen by simply comparing the 2-minute video I sent you from last year with what you witnessed yourself this year.

But it was nevertheless very upsetting for many members of the Scientology religion to have deal with anti-Scientologists right at the entrance of their place of worship. I do not think this is acceptable. Just as it would not be acceptable for Jews to have to run the gauntlet of anti-Semites simply to enter their own Synagogue, or Muslims to have to run the gauntlet of anti-Islam protestors in order to enter a Mosque.

Moreover, what you may not be aware of, but which the anti-Scientologists are entirely aware of, is that it is a teaching of the Scientology religion for adherents to avoid contact with persons who are publicly antipathetical to the religion. Accordingly, Scientologists were placed in the invidious position of having to go against that teaching simply to enter their Church. This distressing situation for Scientologists was maliciously compounded by the protestors also calling out to them as they entered the gates.

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In past years the East Grinstead Rugby Club has provided an overflow car park for the big event on the Friday evening. However, with the anti-Scientologists lining the side of the road next to the entrance, this would have forced members of the Church who parked there to have to walk through them or immediately next to them. The Church therefore took the difficult decision to only park coaches in the Rugby Club car park, after they had safely dropped members off inside the Church premises. Instead, they used their grounds at nearby Fonthill for the overflow car park. This meant a walk of an additional 300 metres or so for many local Scientologists, some of whom are quite elderly. They were able to enter the Church premises down the road and avoid the protestors altogether. While many expressed unhappiness at the distance of the walk, this was preferable to subjecting them to the taunts of the anti-Scientologists, and the humiliation of being videoed and live streamed on the internet whilst being taunted.

This year, thanks to the presence of the Mid Sussex District Council officers, the taunts did not include a chant calling for the eradication of the religion which many members were subjected to last year. They did however have to endure chants accusing them of abusing people, as well as extremely insulting and offensive calls to "look after their credit cards". These were directed at people who arrived by foot at the entrance, as well as the cars coming in the entrance.

I will send you a short video on WeTransfer, edited from the live stream of the anti-Scientologists this year, showing the above – which you will also have witnessed for yourself.

Prior to the weekend, its organiser had sent an email disingenuously offering to agree on acceptable conduct for the protest. There followed an exchange through Lucy Corrie.

In the exchange the Church set out an extremely reasonable proposal, stating:

"If he and his colleagues seriously want to cause no disruption to the event and to not harass anyone they should:

- 1. Remain in the space designated by the police for their vigil.**
- 2. Not harass, or do anything to cause alarm or distress to, visitors to the event, including by:**
 - a. Videoing, live-streaming or photographing any of them;**
 - b. Calling out to or otherwise interfering with them**
 - c. Chanting abusive language in their presence, such as that "Scientology has to go"**
 - d. Getting in their way**
 - e. Engaging in hate speech**

That would be the minimum one should expect if he really were genuine."

Unfortunately, the anti-Scientologists refused to do any of this. Clear examples of this can be seen on the short-edited video from their live stream that I am sending you.

The police had directed them to stand in a designated place a short way down the road from the entrance. Here they would have been clearly visible to the visitors to the event, but the harassment, disruption and distress would have been avoided. They refused to follow this direction.

Standing right by the entrance to the Church they proceeded to harass and cause alarm and distress to visitors by videoing, live streaming and photographing them, by calling out to them (sometimes by name), chanting at them with abusive language (accusing them of being guilty of abuse), causing them to have to walk in the road to avoid close contact with them, and shouting things intended to incite hatred (such as accusing Scientologists of abuse).

Many complaints were made to the Church from visitors experiencing all of these this.

The anti-Scientologists also made clear that they will repeat this exact same behaviour in the future if they are permitted to do so.

In the circumstances, it is apparent that these are activities carried on in a public place within the authority's area which have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, and the activities are likely to be of a continuing nature and are unreasonable. In the circumstance the restrictions imposed by the PSPO sought are justified.

If I can provide any other assistance, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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4. 15 July 24 From P Hodkin



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15 July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Public Spaces Protection Order – Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead

I write on behalf of Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc of Saint Hill Manor, Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead ("the Church").

Following a review of the welfare and safety of members of the Church and other visitors to the Church properties on Saint Hill Road in East Grinstead, my client requests that the Council make an Order under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, namely a Public Spaces Protection Order ("PSPO").

A copy of the requested Order is attached hereto. The map attached to that draft Order shows the proposed PSPO area outlined in red.

The reason the order is needed and that it how meets the conditions is set out in the draft order itself.

The relevant background to this matter is as follows:

The Church owns and occupies the land to the south of the proposed PSPO area, extending from the East Grinstead Sports Club on Saint Hill Road to Deers Leap Park just beyond Saint Hill Green on West Hoathly Road.

The national speed limit (60mph) applies to Saint Hill Road and there are no pavements.

The Church of Scientology has been present on Saint Hill Road since 1959, when its founder, L. Ron Hubbard, first purchased Saint Hill Manor. The most significant Scientology church in England, known as Saint Hill Castle, was built on the grounds in the late 1960s, and has been considerably expanded since that time. Today the property is the church of local Scientologists, as well as being a church attended by many Scientologists nationally and internationally,

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because of its importance in the Scientology religion. It also has many non-Scientologist visitors. In a normal week hundreds of people attend this property for religious and other activities. At certain times of the year, the Church hosts large community events on the property – including at Easter, Christmas, Bonfire Night, Spring and Summer events – which are attended by many thousands of general public from the local area. Special Scientology events are also held several times a year – including at the New Year, the Founder's Birthday, other important anniversaries and, usually in October (although last year at the start of November), the International Association of Scientologists event which is attended by local Scientologists as well as thousands of others from around the world.

In recent years a few anti-Scientologists have demonstrated outside of the property, on Saint Hill Road, where the main entrance to the Church is situated, and, to a lesser extent, on West Hoathly Road, where there is another entrance used only by staff. These have normally been targeted at the special Scientology events, in particular, the International Association of Scientology ("IAS") event held on a Friday evening in October, which is followed by a weekend of other related events.

Followers of the Scientology religion have in years past been subjected to fairly extreme discrimination in this country. This was brought to an end by a ruling of the Supreme Court in 2013. The Supreme Court found that Scientology was a religion and described earlier treatment of Scientologists as "illogical, discriminatory and unjust". As a result of that ruling all Scientology churches in England were registered as places of meeting for religious worship. On this property, Saint Hill Castle is a registered place of meeting for religious worship, together with a separate smaller chapel.

Although the Scientology religion has experienced very few problems in comparison to other religions, it has nevertheless attracted its own small clique of dedicated detractors. Whilst recognizing everyone's right to express opinions and to demonstrate, this has to be done in such a fashion so as to respect the rights of others, avoid hate speech, and maintain public safety. The manner in which demonstrations have occurred outside of the Church on Saint Hill Road has not respected the rights of others, not avoided hate speech and has threatened public safety.

Under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, section 59, a local authority may make a public spaces protection order if satisfied on reasonable grounds that two conditions are met.

The first condition is that - (a) activities carried on in a public place within the authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or (b) it is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within that area and that they will have such an effect.

For the reasons given above, and described in more detail below, both of these alternatives are satisfied in this case. The activities of the anti-Scientologist demonstrators on the road outside of the Scientology Church in East Grinstead have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, and, it is likely that similar activities will be carried on in the same public place in the future and that they will have a similar detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality.

The second condition is that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities - (a) is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, (b) is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and (c) justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.

In this case, these demonstrations have occurred in the past and the demonstrators have indicated that they plan to repeat them in the future. The activities, as they have occurred, are unreasonable, because they have not respected the rights of others, not avoided hate speech and have threatened public safety. The effect of the activities does justify the restrictions imposed by the notice. The Public Spaces Protection Order sought strikes the right balance between allowing people to demonstrate and express opinions while protecting the rights of others and maintaining public safety.

The effect of the PSPO proposed is to prohibit the demonstrators from conducting their activities on the public highway immediately outside of the Church.

My client asks that this is put in place before this year's IAS event weekend in October. They wish to avoid a repeat of the disturbing and dangerous activities of 2023, described below.

Last year somewhere in the region of 30 demonstrators demonstrated immediately outside the main entrance to the Church on the public highway on the Friday afternoon and evening. A smaller number also returned on the Saturday and Sunday. Prior to their arrival, in agreement with the police and following consultation with the Council, an area of land next to the road and near to the Church property had been set aside for the demonstrators to hold their demonstration. Appropriate barriers were set up to protect them from stepping into passing traffic. However, the demonstrators refused to use the designated area, and instead positioned themselves on the road and verge immediately next to the main entrance. They held a number of anti-Scientology placards and shouted and chanted anti-Scientology slogans. Chief amongst their chants was one calling for the eradication of Scientology.

As a result all vehicles coming along Saint Hill Road had to exercise enormous care. The demonstrators sometimes stood out in front of vehicles turning into the entrance, shouting through windows and filming the occupants. The organiser of the event recorded and live streamed the demonstration on the internet, so that the harassment and attempted public humiliation of visitors to the Church could be admired by all of their supporters elsewhere.

The organiser of the demonstration had given assurances beforehand that they would do nothing to disturb the activities taking place on the property. This was a false assurance. Not only did they attempt to be as loud as possible to do just that, but on the Sunday one of the activities consisted of the opening of a new building close to the West Hoathly Road. The organiser attempted to disrupt this opening by screaming at the top of his voice from the road at the hundreds of Scientologists who had gathered there for that opening. And he recorded and livestreamed this on the internet, continually boasting about the disturbance he considered he was creating.

The Church received numerous complaints from visitors about the demonstrators. I asked for a number to be put in writing, and I am providing these with this letter. Local people repeatedly complained about being subject to abuse and having the safety of themselves, and sometimes their children, being put at risk by the demonstrators.

It may be noted that the number of visitors to the event meant that not all of their cars could be accommodated on the Church property. East Grinstead Rugby Club, which is situated on the other side of the road a small distance down from the Church's main entrance, kindly allowed overflow parking in their car park. This was in particular used by local Scientologists who tended to arrive later for the evening event than those that had come from further afield. These visitors, and their children, were forced to walk past the demonstrators on the road in semi darkness and put up with a barrage of abuse while being filmed. A number of the statements enclosed describe this experience, and how they felt abused and unsafe.

We wish to avoid this ever being repeated. The PSPO is a proportionate and reasonable way of achieving this.

The making of this order is also supported by the immediate neighbours on Saint Hill Road, namely the Rockwood Park Residents Association, the East Grinstead Rugby Club and the East Grinstead Sports Club. I enclose a letter from each of these confirming their agreement to the making of the PSPO.

I therefore request, on behalf of the Church and people in this locality, that the attached order be made.

If further information is required, or if anyone wishes to inspect the site themselves, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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Peter Hodkin
Solicitor

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Demonstration - includes any assembly, gathering or procession in a public place to demonstrate support for or opposition to any person, cause or organisation.

Vigil - a period of keeping watch, especially at night.

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MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

In the presence of

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5. Draft PSPO

The Public Spaces Protection Order (Mid Sussex District Council) 2024

Mid Sussex District Council ("the Authority") has made the following Public Spaces Protection Order under chapter 2 section 59 to 75 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act").

1. The Authority being satisfied that demonstrations and protests on the public highway and verge immediately outside of the Church of Scientology properties on Saint Hill Road and West Hoathly Road in East Grinstead have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, presenting both a risk to public safety and causing harassment, disturbance and alarm to those attending the Church of Scientology, and that such activities have had and will have such effect, and further that the effect is or is likely to be of a continuing nature such as to make such activities unreasonable and justify the restrictions imposed by this order.
2. The Authority is accordingly satisfied that the conditions set out in section 59(2) and (3) of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 have been met.
3. In making this Order, Mid Sussex District Council has had particular regard to the rights and freedoms set out in the European Convention on Human Rights, including the need to ensure that the restrictions imposed are proportionate. The Council considers that the restrictions are justified and proportionate in light of the unreasonable detrimental effect on the local community of the activities prohibited.
4. This Order applies to the public highway and public land adjoining the public highway on Saint Hill Road and West Hoathly Road in East Grinstead, West Sussex, the location of which is shown edged red on the attached Plan ("the PSPO Area").
5. The Authority, in exercise of its powers under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, hereby prohibits, until the date 3 years from date of this Order or until this Order is discharged by the Council, whichever is earlier, any person from engaging in any demonstration, protest, vigil or similar activity on the PSPO area.
6. It is an offence for a person, without reasonable excuse, to engage in any activity that is prohibited by this Order. A person found to be in breach of this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.



 PSPO Area

6. 23 Oct 24 From [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 October 2024 10:04

To: Lucy Corrie <Lucy.Corrie@midsussex.gov.uk> [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: IAS Event 2024

Dear Ms Corrie,

I note Mr [REDACTED] further email dated 14 October 2024.

It is regrettable that he continues to be dishonest and disingenuous.

In relation to his motivations, he has several times publicly stated that he is trying to make a living from his anti-Scientology agenda, and he continually seeks to destroy the religion and harass its members in any way he can. His often repeated chant at his protests, including in particular at last year's IAS event, is "Scientology has to go".

I am also aware of his repeated lie saying he was locked in a room at our London Church over a decade ago, when he was trying to be a staff member there. In fact, all of the rooms at the London Church can be opened from the inside, even if locked from the outside. It is simply a lie, which he has embroidered, as he embroidered much else, to further his career as an anti-Scientology propagandist.

Last year he also said that his intention was not to disrupt the event. However, you will note that he does not deny screaming at the top of his voice to try to disrupt the outdoor opening of a new building which took place during the weekend. Or videoing and live-streaming himself doing so.

Nor does he deny videoing and live-streaming on the internet all the activities, including seeking out individual visitors to harass and broadcast on the internet. Some of these visitors were with their children. This was an extreme form harassment, taking place directly in front of a recognised place of worship. Nor does he deny organising a chant calling for the eradication of the Scientology religion. You will have seen all of this yourself if you look at the video.

He and his cohorts were guilty of pure hate speech. The fact that he pretends not to see that simply speaks to his fanaticism.

If he and his colleagues seriously want to cause no disruption to the event and to not harass anyone they should:

1. Remain in the space designated by the police for their vigil.
2. Not harass, or do anything to cause alarm or distress to, visitors to the event, including by:
 - a. Videoing, live-streaming or photographing any of them;
 - b. Calling out to or otherwise interfering with them
 - c. Chanting abusive language in their presence, such as that "Scientology has to go"
 - d. Getting in their way
 - e. Engaging in hate speech

That would be the minimum one should expect if he really were genuine.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

7. Protesters Data



Group: "Anonymous"

Anonymous is a decentralized international hate group and movement known for its cyberattacks primarily against government institutions, agencies and corporations and also for cyber bullying of individuals. Dozens of members of the people have been arrested for criminal actions as part of this group.

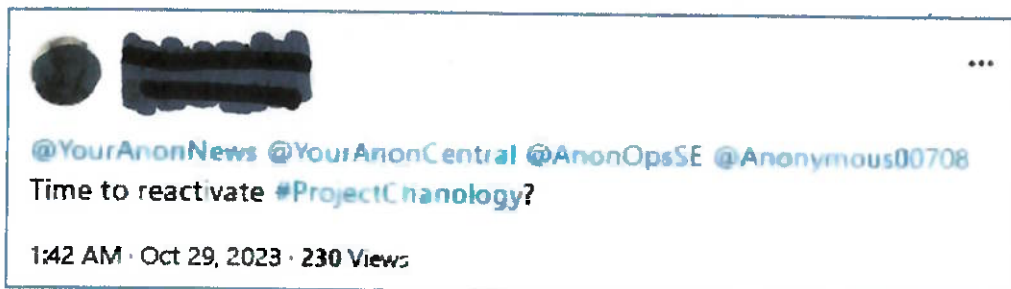
On 21 January 2008 Anonymous publicly launched "Project Chanology" with a video posted to YouTube entitled "Message to Scientology" 'declaring war' on Scientology.

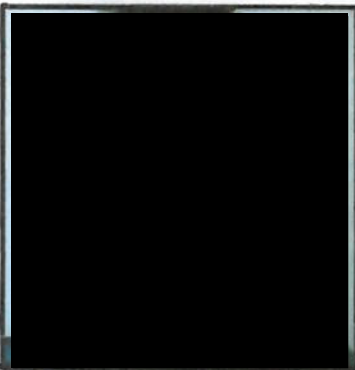
In February 2008, Anonymous launched DDoS attacks on Churches of Scientology and jammed fax machines with black faxes. Dozens of protests were organized against Churches of Scientology around the globe. Protests continued to be carried out by Anonymous outside Churches of Scientology, leading to police interventions and arrests.

The group Anonymous have been labelled as a "cyberterrorist" group with a proven record of harassment, violence, inciting violence and hate against the religion. These criminal acts resulted in seven Anonymous members prosecuted, convicted or jailed for their crimes against the Church.

On 6 October 2023, Mr [REDACTED] uploaded a video to YouTube using the exact same voice over, background stock video and message as the original Anonymous video that launched "Project Chanology". This video ended with Mr [REDACTED] own message, also in the same voice, with a masked man delivering the following: "Scientology you were warned. And yet you continue with your antics. Your IAS Event in November will be met with fierce opposition. We are Anonymous. We are SPTV. We are legion."

On 29 October 2023, [REDACTED] tweeted the following:





Name: [REDACTED]
Nationality: Irish

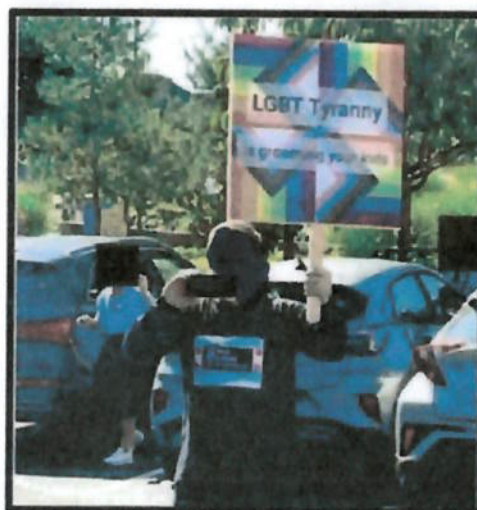
[REDACTED] was briefly a Scientologist before he left and started attacking the religion. He has a criminal past and attended the 2023 "IAS Protest" organized by Barnes-Ross.

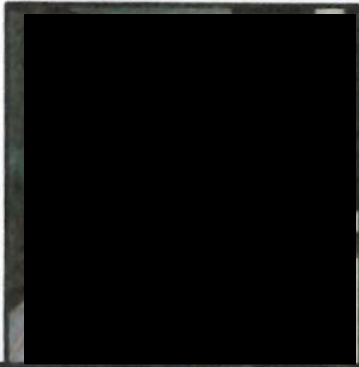
In 2015, appeared in court for harassment, assault and battery against two Scientologists in Ireland. He was found liable with a permanent injunction being granted by the court against [REDACTED]

In 2023 [REDACTED] attended the "IAS Protest" with [REDACTED]



In 2024, was convicted of public order offenses after acting in a harassing and threatening manner at a Pride parade.





Name: [REDACTED]
Aka: @ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has never been a Scientologist. He closely associates with Mr [REDACTED] and attended many protests against the Church. He has a criminal background of harassment and mental instability.

In April 2021, [REDACTED] was arrested and subsequently found guilty of harassment in court.

In September 2021, [REDACTED] appeared in court and was found guilty of one count of harassment against his former girlfriend and sentenced.

In October 2021, he was arrested by the police, assessed by an approved mental health professional and subsequently sectioned and detained in a secure mental health facility for 15 days.

In November 2023, [REDACTED] was protesting outside the gates of Saint Hill.

In September 2024, [REDACTED] was with Mr. [REDACTED] protesting Scientology outside an exhibit in London.



In 2024, [REDACTED] attended the "IAS Protest" organized by Mr [REDACTED]

In April 2025, [REDACTED] was again seen supporting Mr [REDACTED] at a protest outside one of our London churches. This shows continued and dedicated support to Mr [REDACTED] campaign of harassment against Scientologists.



Name:

[REDACTED]

Aka:

@ [REDACTED]

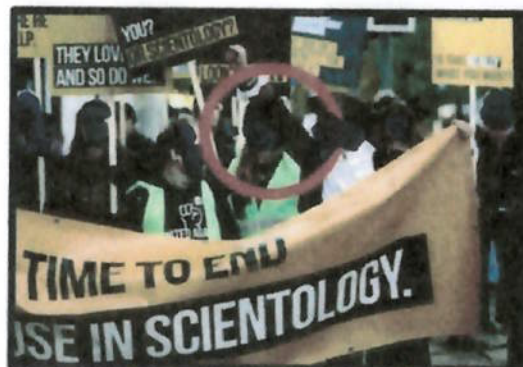
[REDACTED] is a member of the cyberterrorist group Anonymous as well as proclaiming he is a Marxist-Leninist.

In September 2018, he posted pictures of an automatic rifle with the caption "so sexy" and reposted a picture of a membership card for the Socialist Rifle Association.

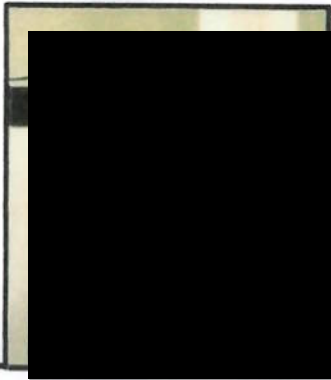


In October 2018, his property was raided by the police because he was considered a possible danger to the public.

In 2023 he attended the "IAS Protest" marching through East Grinstead and taking part in the harassment and hate speech at the entrance to Saint Hill.



He also attended the November 2024 Saint Hill protest organized by Mr [REDACTED].



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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is closely associated with cyberterrorist group Anonymous and has a long history of harassment towards members of the Church of Scientology.

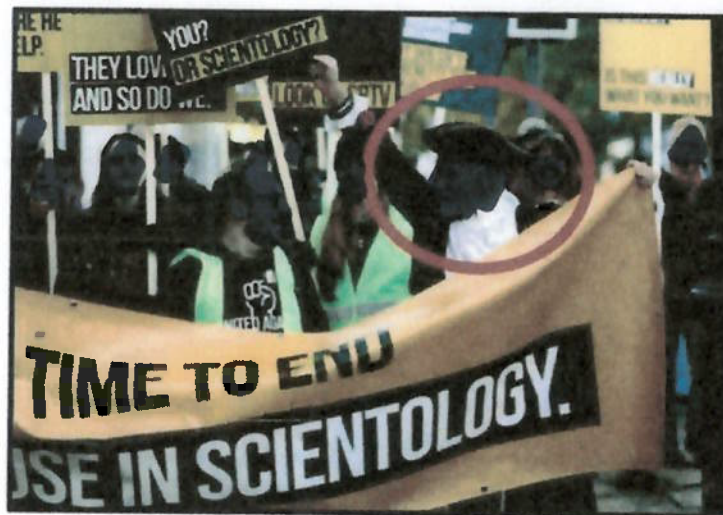
He has a criminal record for drug dealing, shoplifting and drunk driving.

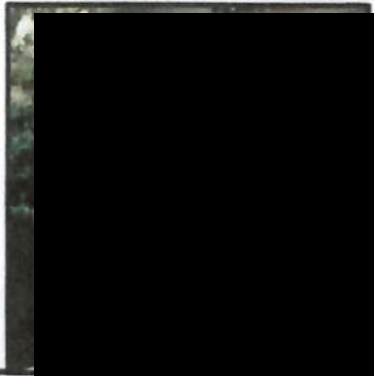
He has been harassing and inciting hate towards Scientology for decades:

This included posting pictures of Scientology scripture being burned.

Protests at various Churches around the UK and Europe where he has shouted abuse at Scientologists, committed acts of vandalism, etc.

In 2023 he attended the "IAS Protest" marching through East Grinstead and taking part in harassment and hate speech.





Name: [REDACTED]
Aka: [REDACTED]
Nationality: United States

[REDACTED] is an American convicted felon who has been harassing Churches of Scientology since October 2016.

In 1998 [REDACTED] spent time in a US jail after a conviction for threatening a peace officer.

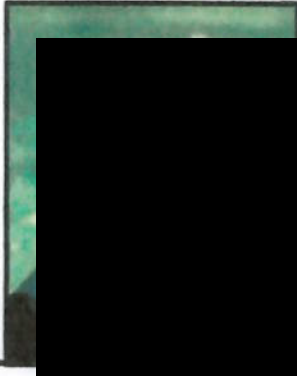
In April 2002, Mr [REDACTED] was arrested at gunpoint on suspicion of extortion, terrorist threats, stalking and threatening to slay a peace officer. He was subsequently sentenced to four years in jail in August 2002 for stalking, four counts of terrorist threats and four counts of attempted extortion.

Mr [REDACTED] also brags on social media about having done prison time in Manila City, Philippines.

On 15 January 2025, Mr [REDACTED] uploaded a video to his YouTube channel "[REDACTED]" of recordings he made of the Saint Hill Church of Scientology property. He documented his numerous privacy violations by filming parishioners of the Church entering the property as well as others on the property.

On 18 January 2025, Mr [REDACTED] invited [REDACTED] for a Live interview discussing the aforementioned video. Reinforcing Mr [REDACTED]'s continued association with criminal characters.





Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is an ex-member of Scientology. He proclaimed himself as an ex-member and has since been attacking the church, including several instances of trespassing and harassment.

March 2011, trespassing on the property with the pretext of hand delivering a letter. Had to be escorted off the base by Security.

October 2012 he was protesting outside the Saint Hill gate during the IAS event with a few other anti-Scientology protesters and members of Anonymous.

October 2014 trespassing with intent to harass parishioners. He came in from behind the lake after crossing the Deer's Leap property and had to be escorted off the property by hired security.

Also in October 2014 he was involved in a raid in the early hours of the morning with other anti-Scientology activists. They attempted to deface the statue in the courtyard of the Saint Hill castle and had to be escorted off the property by the police.

November 2023 attended the IAS Protest organized by Mr [REDACTED]

8. Behaviour Requirements

Podcast: Group Therapy 86: The IAS Gala has a date, and [REDACTED] is pumped!
Date: 6 October 2024

[REDACTED]

"But, yeah, anyone who does want to go to the protest, you are more than welcome to. iasprotest.com is a website with all the info.

We have to be really on, like, on our game this year because **there will be council observers and the police monitoring our actions.** They're not accepting any evidence from last year's protest with regards to the ban, that they're trying to implement. It's all going to be based on our activity this year. **So it's really important that we behave ourselves,** that we are kind and compassionate, and we're there to protest the abuse and help people get out, not protest their religious beliefs and not to harass anybody."

Title: IAS PROTEST 2024: ANNOUNCEMENT

URL: [https://www.youtube.com/\[REDACTED\]](https://www.youtube.com/[REDACTED])
Channel: [REDACTED]
Date: 5 Oct 2024
Length: 00:38:51
Featuring: [REDACTED]

"So it's really, really important that we get our messaging right, that we get our behavior right, and that we play by the rules, and we do exactly what we're supposed to do."

"Because if they can evidence any kind of discrimination or harassment, that will work in their favor in implementing a public spaces protection order, which would make it illegal for anybody to protest Scientology at Saint Hill again."

"Because if we cause disruption to the event or to the local community, that's not gonna work in our favor."

"And the rules, absolutely no harassment or yelling abuse."

"So like I said, it's really important that we are kind and compassionate. Like last year, we are leading this with kindness and compassion."

"We don't want to victimise or discriminate or harass anybody."

"Now talking of behavior, because of the public spaces protection order that Scientology are requesting, there are going to be a lot of eyes on us this year. The council and the police are both going to be observing this year's protest and making notes on how we engage our right to protest, and that will inform the council's decision as to whether or not to implement a PSPO from January, which will affect next year and going forward. The police and the council, there'll be observers there watching how we are acting, watching our behavior, and their whole purpose from an observation perspective is to see whether we are engaging in peaceful protest and whether our protest is causing disruption to the local community and to the event that is taking place. So in order to minimize disruption, please stay on public land."

"If people are walking past, they're trying to enter the property, please don't get in their way. Move out the way. Let them attend. We can't block the right of access to Saint Hill. We don't wanna get in anyone's way, and that is what they're going to be observing."

"our small protest, which is on public land at the side of the road, is not something that I believe is very disruptive."

9. Local Support Letters



Mid Sussex District Council
Oaklands Road
Haywards Heath
West Sussex
RH16 1SS

July 15th, 2024

Dear Sirs,

Re: Church of Scientology – Application for Public Spaces Protection Order

The Church of Scientology (CoS) have provided East Grinstead Rugby Football Club (EGRFC) with a copy of the draft Public Spaces Protection Order, and we have had appropriate conversations with them with respect to the reasoning behind this request.

The board of EGRFC support this application by CoS as we have in the past seen situations that could be prevented by such an order.

On reviewing the draft documents, we have seen we recommend that the area covered by this order includes not only the verge adjacent to the CoS land and the public highway but also the verge adjacent to EGRFC land and the car parks of EGRFC as these have been used inappropriately in the past.

To conclude EGRFC support such an order which we believe is necessary to protect persons accessing the CoS from Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead

Yours faithfully



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East Grinstead Rugby Football Club Limited
The Gearon Pavilion, Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead, RH19 4JU



Mid Sussex District Council
Oaklands Road
Haywards Heath
RH16 1SS

15 July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write on behalf of the Rockwood Park Residents Association to confirm our support for the Public Spaces Protection Order requested by the Church of Scientology, the draft of which we have seen.

Rockwood Park is situated directly opposite the main entrance of the Church of Scientology on Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead. This road can get very busy at times, particularly when the Church is holding one of their special events. At these times there can also be quite a lot of pedestrians on the road. Quite apart from the disturbance that protests on the road cause to our residents – particularly when amplified sound is used – and the abuse that some of our residents have experienced from the protestors, the road is not a safe place to hold such protests.

Yours faithfully,



Rockwood Park

ROCKWOOD PARK MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED

Company Registration number: 02070421

Registered address: Entrance B Rockwood Park, Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex, England, RH19 4JX



Mid Sussex District Council

Oaklands Road

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15th July 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

"The East Grinstead Sports Club is a direct neighbour of the Church of Scientology on Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead. We approve of the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order to make the road safer for all concerned."

Yours sincerely

A blacked-out redacted signature of the Club Manager.

Club Manager

A large blacked-out redacted area covering contact information, likely a phone number and email address.

10. Members Complaints

Complaint regarding the demonstrators outside IAS event, November 2023



From [redacted]
To: [redacted]

Mon 14 Nov 2023 10:17

Dear Sir or Madam,

When I attended the event in November 2023 there was a very large group of demonstrators outside the gates. They were yelling at everyone who passed by. When I walked by one man yelled directly at me, as did multiple other people in their group. It was obviously designed to be intimidating. There were children with me and the behaviour of the demonstrators upset them. They were very loud, and borderline abusive. Their attitude and behaviour did make me concerned for my safety as they also took up a lot of space, forcing people to walk in front of vehicles to avoid them, they did seem to be moving physically toward people so as to create further intimidation.

Regards,

[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Sir,

On November 3rd & 4th, when driving visitors to Saint Hill for the annual IAS event, I noticed that some people were calling out visitors coming in, disturbing them and trying to block the entrance. Their behavior was far from friendly and made some visitors scared. This situation should be resolved and visitors should be able to come to the Church in peace.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I am writing to you about our yearly IAS weekend (3rd 50 5th November 2023) as the presence and conduct of demonstrators/pickers at the front gates of our Church was offensive, intimidating and caused the visitors coming to the event from all ove the world to be fearful and/or anxious about the safety of themselves and their families.

Some picketers **were** harassive, putting their heads through car windows, blocking traffic, upsetting and distracting drivers and shouting at us, the attendees.

This is unacceptable behavior and I hope this will get looked at and applicable actions be taken.

With best regards,



Attendee of the event
13 February 2024

From "[REDACTED]"
To "[REDACTED]"
Date 26/02/2024 02:33:31
Subject IAS event

To who it may concern.

As a guest of the event and as an owner of many of the properties across the road from Saint Hill I found the protesters present at the recent event in November offensive, rude and unpleasant.

I watched them call the security stationed at the front gate (not Scientologists) names and be make fun of their weight and other physical characteristics.

I feel their presence causes a concern to safety to drivers and pedestrians in relation to the small country road they are on.

Best,

[REDACTED]

From "[REDACTED]"
To "[REDACTED]"
Date 26/02/2024 13:11:00
Subject November 2023 IAS weekend

To whom it may concern,

I believe a complaint should be raised regarding the anti-Scientology demonstrators who were at the church entrances over the 3-day IAS celebration weekend.

Over the course of the long weekend I made many visits to my church, the first of which was with my children age 9 and 14. As we approached Saint Hill we were met by a large group of protesters several of whom filmed me and my children as close as they could get to our car. Whether their purpose was only to intimidate or for more nefarious reasons I don't know but they certainly were intimidating and far too close to us.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

From " [REDACTED] "
To "publicaffairs [REDACTED]"
Date 26/02/2024 19:51:33
Subject Last IAS Event, beginning of November

To whom it may concern:

I have been meaning to write a complaint for a little while, about the people protesting at our last annual IAS gathering in November at Saint Hill.

There were a number of people lining the street right before the entrance to Saint Hill and their behaviour was definitely offensive. While I would be the first to ensure their right to their own opinion, I fail to see how this entitles them to shout offensive comments at people coming to enjoy festivities at their spiritual headquarters and the former home of their religion's founder.

Their protests were not aimed at informing or raising (what they considered) valid issues, but they just wanted to annoy and cause a disruption. They were less protesting but just trying to be the biggest provocation they could be. I would ask that next time these protesters be assigned another location by the authorities, where they do not block traffic, do not cause distractions to drivers and won't come across as just spoiling for a fight.

Scientologists are generally a peaceful bunch, but that does not mean that we should let people walk all over us. In the interest of all, a different location seems appropriate.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

03/03/2024

Subject: Complaint regarding the IAS event night protesters

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 03/03/2024 17:03:07

To: [REDACTED]

I walked past the protesters on the night of the event with my 11 years old son.

The protesters showed aggressive behavior, shouting at me that I was abusing my son. That I was brainwashing him. They knew absolutely nothing about me, and these accusations were clearly hate speech.

They shouted other unpleasant and abusive things, I can't remember now, as I tried to pass them quickly, as their behavior was intimidating. Especially for a child who was with me. These were not peaceful protesters, they were aggressive and hostile.

This is true

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]

February 21, 2024

Hello I would like to register a complaint about the demonstrators outside St Hill during the IAS event. I went there by car with my daughter who was driving and I was in the front passenger seat. My 13 year granddaughter and her 2 friends of the same age were on the back seats. As we were arriving close to the gate Martin pad field saw me. He started telling and banging hard and loud on the window on my side. We got startled and my granddaughter started asking what that was all about. We reassured the girls but it did have an effect on them ie it was a bit scary to them. Am glad we didn't have younger children with us

26/02/2024

Subject: Offensive picketing at IAS event

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 25/02/2024 19:56:46

To: [REDACTED]

Hello [REDACTED]

We were stuck on the B2110 trying to turn into the St Hill road whilst the demonstrators must have been outside St Hill. It was a dangerous place to be stuck and many cars had difficulty as the cross road was almost gridlocked for at least 20 minutes that we were there. I saw a few near accidents as people tried to turn around or get past the traffic or simply came round the corners too fast and did not know there was a traffic jam. There is simply not enough room on dark and narrow roads for the antics of a few disaffected people and the local council should know this.

Many thanks, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

05/03/2024

Subject: Harassment at the gates of The Church of Scientology East Grinstead in November 2023

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05/03/2024 17:45:29

To: [REDACTED]

To [REDACTED]

In November 2023, I with my family, were invited to the Annual IAS weekend celebrations. We get invited each year and tend to go as it is an excellent experience.

Each year we have to run the gauntlet of a small number of protesters outside with their placards. I have had to prepare my children for this experience over the years. Letting them know in advance that it could happen that they will be shouted at for going into the Church grounds. I make sure they don't have their windows down and I ask them not to make any eye contact with the protesters. I make sure we won't be photographed and have our images posted on Social Media or private groups like we are some sort of criminals.

Having been raised in Northern Ireland and experienced physical attacks because of my religious beliefs I had hoped for a better experience for my children. They should not have to cower in any way. No one should.

[REDACTED]

28/02/2024

Subject: IAS weekend

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 27/02/2024 22:44:17

To: [REDACTED]

Hi,

I wanted to let you know the experience I had with the protesters on the road outside St Hill.

I had come to the event with my husband and two children (aged 7 and 11). We had crossed the road from Rockwood park and the protesters had strange posters and were shouting out horrible remarks. I felt completely intimidated and fearful. Both my children were scared and were clinging on to me for protection.

They were recording us walking into St Hill. I felt this was totally unacceptable to be recording my two young girls.

This was not a pleasant experience.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Attn. [REDACTED] Director - Office of Special Affairs

Dear Sir,

On November 3rd, I drove to the Church of Scientology at Saint Hill for the annual IAS event. When I arrived, I saw some picketers on the side of the road, just next to the entrance. I was surprised to see some aggressive behaviour from these people disturbing the flow of cars and people on foot entering the Church's ground. Some of my friends got scared and did not feel safe. This is unacceptable.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

19/02/2024

Subject: Protest at the IAS event in November 2023

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 19/02/2024 08:32:27

To: [REDACTED]

Good day

I would like to give some feedback on the protest at the IAS event at Saint Hill in November 2023.

I cannot believe that such an amazing celebration should be disrupted by people who do not know anything about what we do and what we are celebrating.

I am sure this would not be allowed in front of a church, temple, or place of worship. This is our church so why should we experience this sort of insult.

We have the right to our religious beliefs, and this must be contrary to everything that the British system stands for.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

Subject: Pickets

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 2/29/2024 12:12:44 PM

To: "publicaffairs" <publicaffairs@churchofscientology.net>

To whom it may concern:

I am a Scientologist who lives in East Grinstead and I would like to make a formal complaint regarding the picketers who were protesting outside my church on Friday 3rd of November and Saturday 4th of November.

On both nights this was extremely distressing for me and my family as they were shouting at us and, staring into our car etc. I felt very intimidated and they upset my daughter very much.

I would like to see that these any picketers are barred from any of our events so that the stress that they caused me doesn't happen again.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

20/02/2024

Subject: Picketers at the IAS Anniversary event

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 20/02/2024 20:25:25

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs,

I wanted to reach out to you concerning the disturbances caused by picketers outside Saint Hill during the IAS Anniversary weekend. Their presence not only created great delays in arriving on time for the event, holding up hundreds if not thousands of people, but their language was offensive, discriminatory and disturbing. My children were deeply upset by what was going on, during what should have been an enjoyable and celebratory evening.

The harassing nature of the picketers conduct had my taxi driver, myself and the other guests in our car genuinely fearful for our safety, particularly as some of them tried to distract the drivers which could have lead to serious accidents. I know I am not alone in this, and would ask if something can be looked into by the authorities.

Thank you very much for your time in considering this matter.

Kindest regards,

[REDACTED]

10 February 2024

To security at Saint Hill,

I live [REDACTED] have lived there for 30 years and have always felt safe and very privileged to live in such a lovely location next door to my Church. Nearly every day I go for a walk to the Rugby Club, Hockey Club or Saint Hill.

In November Saint Hill held the IAS Event, a large gathering of Scientologist standing for Freedom for mankind. I was happy to have some of my old friends visit me from the USA and to see so many old friends at Saint Hill. I am now nearly 90 years old and having friends come to Saint Hill is a joy for me.

This year I was greatly saddened by a group standing outside protesting at the mouth of the driveway to Saint Hill, I walked from my home to Saint Hill with a friend, my name was shouted by a protester and I felt anxious for both myself and my friend, having no idea what they may do next. The situation felt threatening and although I did my best to put my head down and walk past them I was worried about what would happen when I had to walk home later in the dark.

I live in the middle of the countryside next door to my church, in these times of equal rights and religious tolerance I am utterly bewildered why it is an infraction on human rights to be intolerant yet it is alright for a group of men to stand outside my church shouting and calling things out to the passers by, especially at an elderly lady such as myself.

Kinds regards,

[REDACTED]

Subject: St Hill IAS Event

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 2/14/2024 8:15:32 AM

To: "publicaffairs" <publicaffairsuk@churchofscientology.net>

Dear Sir/Madam

I am sending you this email in regards to the picketers around the front of St Hill entrance and other entrances over the weekend of the charity ball and concert on 3rd to the 5th November 2023.

My unfortunate experience, as with I believe many others was very much pure harassment upon entering the grounds on the Friday early evening, although the many people entering were looking to be very excited in having our wonderful event once again, there was a very hostile and I must say intimidating group chanting aggressive and very horrible chants to anyone attending, I find these actions to be extremely unnecessary due to the fact that we are a group who want nothing but the betterment for all.

These activities and actions by this aggressive group are completely upsetting and in no way support a demonstration of respect and consideration towards attendees with families who were fearful about their safety, leaving them very anxious, especially for young children attending.

Once on the grounds it was also possible to still hear them due to large megaphones or speakers of sorts being used.

My overall impression of their actions is nothing similar to other demonstrations due to the fact that aggressive and intimidating behaviour towards anyone attending is extremely upsetting and some picketers were harrassive, even putting their heads through car windows, blocking traffic, upsetting and distracting drivers by getting in their way and shouting extremely loudly at anyone walking in.

Please can we find a way to not have this happen again so we can enjoy and share with many others our wonderful weekend event.

Kind regards,

SJL

Sent from my Galaxy

19/02/2024

Subject: Testimony regarding last IAS event

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 19/02/2024 08:15:50

To: "publicaffairs" <publicaffairsuk@churchofscientology.net>

Attachments: Passeport JL.jpg

Dear Sir,

Here is a testimony as asked by [REDACTED]
I also joined a copy of my passport

My wife came from France to join me and attend the International Association of Scientologists event. When we entered St. Hill grounds, a hostile man walked up to us making remarks denigrating Scientology. His behaviour which felt like a threat forced us to quickly move away from him. I would like to point out that he was filming us with his smartphone without our permission, so we feared that he would publish this verbal aggression against us on the Internet.

[REDACTED]