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BY INDIVIDUAL EMAIL ONLY TO PROTESTERS AND CHURCH
VOLUNTARY CODE OF CONDUCT – JUNE 2025

Dear all

Application by Church of Scientology for a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) on Saint Hill Road and West Hoathly Road, East Grinstead.

I am writing further to the correspondence you received from the Council on 22 May 2025 inviting the Church and Protesters to mutually and voluntarily agree to comply with a list of obligations and behaviours surrounding Saint Hill Road and West Hoathly Road, particularly in relation to the annual International Association of Scientology (IAS) event. You will recall that we described this as a “voluntary code of conduct” intended to ensure that all stakeholders at the site act in a lawful and peaceful fashion, and in a manner which balances the competing interests of the Church, its members, local residents and protesters.

I am writing to set out the outcome of the correspondence relating to the voluntary code of conduct, which is as follows:

Voluntary Code of Conduct for Protesters at Saint Hill Road

The protesters who were present at the IAS event in 2023 and 2024 have agreed to the following:

1. Whilst protesting on Saint Hill Road, protesters will continue to follow and comply with any instructions given by the police and/or any officers of MSDC or WSCC.
2. At all times protesters will remain in any space designated at any time for their use in agreement with the police, other than for the reasonable purposes of entering and exiting that space.
3. At all times protesters will remain on public land or the public highway. In particular they will not enter (or attempt to enter) the property of the Church at any time.
4. Protesters will not obstruct (or attempt to obstruct) any persons from entering Church premises.
5. Protesters will not (or will not attempt to) harass, intimidate or abuse any persons attending events at Church premises, or persons providing security or stewarding services for Church events. This includes using foul or abusive language.



6. Protesters will follow and comply with any instructions given by the police and/or officers of MSDC as regards the use of amplified music, voice or audio.
7. Protesters shall display this Voluntary Code of Conduct on their website and shall ensure that copies are available for any persons attending as protesters during any events at Saint Hill Road.

Voluntary Code of Conduct for the Church, its staff, agents and contractors

The Church has agreed to the following:

1. The Church (its staff, volunteers, agents or contractors) shall follow and comply with any instructions given by the police.
2. The Church shall ensure that persons providing stewarding or security services in and around its property are identifiable to members of the public by wearing high-vis jackets, armbands or similar.
3. The Church shall provide adequate lighting at the entrance to its premises on Saint Hill Road to ensure the safety of pedestrians entering or exiting its premises from the public highway. The adequacy of lighting and any additional measures to make the entrance stand out (such as banners, balloons and so forth) should be agreed with the police and MSDC in advance of an event (and/or the same lighting may be provided if previously agreed).
4. The Church (its staff, volunteers, agents or contractors) shall not attempt to enter or interfere with a space designated by the police for use by protesters whilst protesters are present within that space.
5. The Church (its staff, volunteers, agents or contractors) shall not obstruct (or attempt to obstruct) protesters from entering or exiting the area designated at any time by the police for their use.
6. The Church (including but not limited to its staff, volunteers, agents or contractors) shall not film or photograph protesters who remain within the space designated by the police for their use.

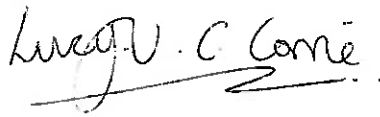
I have requested that the Church ensure that printed and laminated copies of this Voluntary Code of Conduct are displayed in locations on or visible from the public highway in and around the entrance(s) to Church property and the designated protest space, during Church events at which protesters are expected to attend.

The voluntary code of conduct set out above does not restrict or alter anyone's legal rights or remedies. Compliance with the terms of this Code, and the degree to which the Codes have helped to regulate and improve activities at Saint Hill Road, may be assessed by MSDC if for any reason it is required in the future to consider taking enforcement action to ensure public safety at the protest site. Such enforcement action includes but is not limited to the making of a PSPO.



Please confirm your agreement to the above by no later than 4 pm on Wednesday 18 June 2025.

Yours sincerely



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