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Sent:

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To: Cc: Lucy Corrie; pspo Jane Barker

Subject:

RE: MSDC - Voluntary Code of Conduct letter -Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead

Attachments:

Designated protest space.pdf

Dear Ms Corrie

Thank you for your email and letter.

As you know the purpose of the application for a PSPO was to prevent the activities of anti-Scientologists from having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of local Scientologists and other visitors to the Church of Scientology at Saint Hill. They need to be able to enter their place of worship without having to pass through or immediately next to people who are hostile to their religion, and without being harassed and humiliated by being called out to, filmed and live streamed on the internet.

Your proposed code of conduct will achieve this aim, provided it is adhered to strictly by the anti-Scientologists and provided there is clarity on what is meant.

Firstly, the position of the designated space should be included on a map attached to the Code. I accordingly attach herewith a map with a blue arrow pointing to the space designated by the police. The wording of point 2 will need to be slightly amended to refer to the map. I suggest the following:

2. At all times protesters will remain in the space designated by the police (indicated by a blue arrow on the attached map), other than for the reasonable purposes of entering and exiting that space.

Secondly, to ensure that it is entirely understood that the most objectionable harassment and intimidation of Scientologists will not occur, point 5 should explicitly refer to these. The wording of point 5 should therefore be slightly amended to cover this, as follows:

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 not calling out to, filming or live streaming them or using foul or abusive language.

Subject to those points of clarification being included, and their strict adherence by the anti-Scientologists, the Church is willing to give the Voluntary Code a chance as an alternative to the PSPO.

I am surprised, since the protestors were essentially asked to agree the very same things last year and refused. This is why the PSPO seemed to be necessary. If they are now willing to agree then all is good.

Kind regards

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Dear all.

Please find attached a further voluntary code of conduct letter offered by this Council dated today.

The deadline for responses is 4pm on Wednesday 18th June.

Kind Regards,

Lucy

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