

Formal Complaint Regarding Harassment, Threats, and Defamation by Mr Hanif Ali

Dear Chair

I am writing to submit a formal complaint regarding the conduct of Mr Hanif Ali, a resident of the estate and a member of a small group that has, since 2023, been persistently involved in acts of intimidation, harassment, and defamatory behaviour targeting myself and other elected representatives.

When the Residents' Association resumed public meetings in the second half of 2023, this group became politically active and sought to challenge both the elected officials of the Association and the local councillors. Unfortunately, the tactics employed frequently crossed the boundaries of acceptable behaviour and, in some instances, the boundaries of the law. A coordinated campaign of harassment was launched against local councillors as well as elected officers of the Residents' Association.

I am making a direct complaint regarding the conduct of Hanif, a known member of this group. It is clear that he developed a personal antagonism towards me, which escalated into a sustained campaign involving harassment, slander, threats of physical violence, and a serious attempt to falsely portray me as antisemitic in the eyes of my fellow elected councillors.

This complaint is submitted in the hope that swift and appropriate action will be taken to address the serious impact of his actions on myself, my family, and the wider community.

1. Physical Assault and Threatening Behaviour

In November 2023, in my presence, Hanif threatened the chair of the Residents' Association, Roger Jones, with physical violence, saying things like, "I'll smash your fucking face in," followed by "Come outside now!"

On 9th August 2024, during a visit from the City of London, Hanif deliberately barged into me twice in succession, despite there being plenty of space for him to pass. This incident was captured on CCTV.

In August 2024, at the communal gate on Mansell Street, Hanif confronted me directly. I stood my ground and warned him that if he acted violently, I would defend myself. He then backed off and walked away.

On 11th April 2025, shortly after losing the City of London elections, Hanif shouted and laughed loudly at me from a short distance while I was outside with my six-year-old son. He shouted abuse, including “Baldy bastard,” and threatened to come downstairs and attack me. When I reminded him that I would defend myself, he made a brief motion as if to approach me, then disappeared.

2. Defamation and False Allegations

Hanif accessed my personal social media and misrepresented my human rights-related posts to spread false claims about me. He contacted at least two elected officials in our ward and accused me of being anti-Semitic. Both officials dismissed the accusation, recognising it as a personal vendetta.

After a Residents’ Association meeting with Guinness in late January 2024, Hanif publicly shouted insults at me, saying I “do nothing for us,” and falsely accused me of “pocketing money from the Mela” in front of multiple witnesses. He became so aggressive that nearby women had to intervene and move him away.

Hanif also made threats that his associate, Shane McMaster, would take legal action against the RA and local councillors, saying: “[Shane] is coming after all of the councillors and the gloves are off.” This demonstrates a malicious attempt to target us and manipulate others to act on his behalf.

A complaint was later submitted by Shane to the City of London, including a racially motivated allegation, as noted by the City of London who rejected all of the substantive claims in the complaint.

3. Harassment and Stalking

Hanif began stalking and harassing me via WhatsApp groups and private messages. Despite me asking him more than twice to stop contacting me, he continued to do so.

Throughout 2024, Hanif repeatedly tried to intimidate me by engaging in unwanted communication. He made comments as he passed by, tried to talk to my family members—including my children, who later told me they felt uncomfortable—and often made strange faces and noises upon seeing me.

On one occasion, while I was walking to my car, Hanif—who had initially been walking away—noticed me, abruptly turned around, and walked directly toward me. He began taunting me with phrases like “Hello, leader,” and when I ignored him, he said, “You’ve got nothing to say now,” becoming more aggressive as I walked away.

In late 2024, while I was cleaning my windows and my children were playing outside our front door, Hanif saw me and stood silently, staring at me. I asked him to move on. The incident was captured on my CCTV system.

4. Verbal Abuse and Discrimination

In early January 2024, I encountered Hanif on Mansell Street while walking with my family. I greeted him kindly, but he reacted aggressively, shouting, "Can't you see I'm upset?" I asked if he needed help, and he mentioned that his father had called the police and that he didn't want to go to jail.

Notably, Hanif asked me **not to report his whereabouts to the police**, which might suggest that he was already known to them.

While I tried to comfort Hanif, he repeatedly brought up the earlier altercation with Roger Jones and pressured me by saying, "You're a Bengali and you should stick up for a Bengali." When I responded that the issue was about honesty, not ethnicity, he called me a "coconut" and continued shouting racial abuse as I walked away.

On more than one occasion, Hanif said I should resign from the Residents' Association because I have a family. He repeated this discriminatory remark on the RA committee WhatsApp group, where it is recorded.

Yours sincerely

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