

Heald Green and Long Lane Ratepayers' Association

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Update from the January Council Meeting

Cllr Stuart spoke passionately at the full council meeting this evening in support of an amendment to a motion on the Gaza/Palestine conflict. She talked about the fear experienced by a Muslim resident recently, and the concerns that resident had expressed that her voice was heard. Cllr Stuart also talked about a moving service at the Yeshurin Synagogue, which she had attended, and the distress felt there.



Following poignant speeches from all groups, the council condemned the increase in antisemitic and islamophobic violence and abuse in the UK and expressed deep sympathy for all those affected by the conflict. The council agreed unanimously to explore how to better support and facilitate events for people to come together and express solidarity and sadness in response to these events and to offer support to anyone who has been affected by the conflict.

We also received an update this evening regarding the latest incidence of flooding on the A555. Whilst it is frustrating for residents, we were assured that this issue is forefront of the cabinet member's mind, infrastructure improvements have been made but after several days of heavy rain in one of the wettest Decembers on record, these systems were still overwhelmed. The council remains in negotiations with the contractors to find a longer term solution to the flooding issues.