

Statement from Wavertree CLP Executive

Our Executive Committee wishes to make our views clear regarding a statement published in the most recent Wavertree CLP weekly bulletin which criticised an article written by Paula Barker which sought to rebuild our relationship with the Jewish community.

This statement was made by four members of our Executive Committee, but we wish to make clear that they made these comments in a personal capacity and do not represent the views of this committee.

In contrast, we wish to offer our support for the spirit in which the article was written which was very much one of reaching out to the Jewish community, whilst re-enforcing her solidarity with the Palestinian cause, all with a view to promoting tolerance and unity.

We have serious concerns about the publishing of the letter without consultation or an attempt to reach a consensus about it with all the other members of the Executive Committee. We had no knowledge of its existence until we read it in the bulletin.

The four Executive Officers concerned acted unilaterally and made no attempt to consult with fellow EC members prior to publishing the letter in a bulletin which went out to [1800](#) plus members.

We also believe that, by acting the way they did, they abused their positions on the Executive and used Labour Party membership data in order to make public their own personal views and opinions. In addition, the consequence of their actions has been more negative attention from the media and the possibility of our CLP being suspended entirely. They have brought our CLP into disrepute.

In light of the above and with a view to moving forward we suggest that the four Officers concerned should seriously consider their positions on the Executive Committee.