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4th July 2018

Dear Jennie,

Thank you again for your time on Monday 3rd July, and indeed, all the time you've given JLM over the past few months.

The meeting on Monday was not stand-alone. It formed part of a three-year engagement on Labour's antisemitism crisis which has included your predecessor, the Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Leader and Baroness Chakrabarti amongst NEC members and others, including the recent three-hour meeting with JLM Officers and yourself. There has also been engagement with the Jewish community along the same lines.

Throughout all this time, JLM has been clear. The Jewish community, and the Jewish Labour Movement, believe that the best working definition of antisemitism is the full IHRA definition, including its examples. If the full IHRA definition of antisemitism is good enough for the CPS, College of Policing, Jewish community, the Scottish Parliament, the Welsh Assembly, National Union of Students, and Labour Councils across the country, then it should be good enough for the Labour Party. It doesn't need changing, and it's unclear for whose benefit these changes have been made. We cannot give antisemites a get out of jail free card.

The meeting on Monday was organised at your request without JLM having pre-sight of the documents you presented or being able to take them away for further discussion. There was no formal JLM agreement to any of these documents.

Furthermore, we continually argued that to have any confidence in the working group, its recommendations and processes, it required maximum transparency and our participation and membership of the group.

Despite offering to play our part, these offers were repeatedly rejected, leaving JLM representatives waiting in your office lobby, and JLM eventually only being allowed to give evidence. It now appears, given the body

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of the documents you sent, that our evidence was ignored, as we yet again made our position on IHRA clear, among several other points.

The perception from the new definition will be that the Labour Party are seeking to overturn the long-held view and definition of the Jewish community. The Party should abandon this definition, without haste, and make clear that it has already adopted and actively using IHRA.

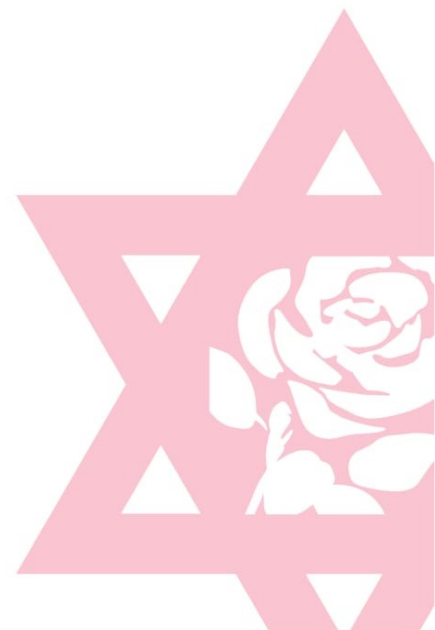
Yours sincerely,



Luciana Berger MP  
Parliamentary Chair



Ivor Caplin  
National Chair



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