



c/o Finchley and Golders Green Labour Party, 38 Church Lane, London, N2 8DT

Rt Hon Nick Brown MP
House of Commons
London
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Dear Nick

I am writing to you as Chief Whip in response to the publication of a video by investigative journalist Iggy Ostanin on social media today in which Shadow Justice Secretary Richard Burgon MP told a meeting that “The enemy of the Palestinian people are Zionists and Zionism is the enemy of peace and the enemy of the Palestinian people.” However, on the Daily Politics last year, Mr Burgon denied making these comments.

These comments are a direct attack on the Jewish people’s right of self-determination.

As you can see from my letter to Mr Burgon (attached); we require urgent clarification and apology from him. Making these comments in the first place, let alone dissembling about them on national television is behaviour of someone unfit to be a Labour Party frontbencher or indeed someone who would be Lord Chancellor in a Labour Government.

I would hope that Mr Burgon acts speedily to show contrition. If not, I would ask you to take disciplinary action against him.

I would also appreciate an acknowledgement from you of the serious nature of this incident.

Yours sincerely

Mike Katz
National Chair, Jewish Labour Movement

Cc: Jon Cryer MP, Chair of the PLP
Jenny Formby, Labour Party General Secretary

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