

15 March 2019

Dear community leader,

It is with deep sadness and anger that we write to you in response to the terrible attack in New Zealand today. Our hearts go out to the victims, their families and everyone affected.

This is a horrific attack on innocent people. It is intended to make us afraid of each other and to divide us.

Today's attack in New Zealand reminds us of our shared commitment that Camden will not tolerate hate, violence and islamophobia, and we will challenge the rhetoric of division wherever it occurs in our communities. Camden is a place that welcomes everyone, and has and will provide shelter and protection in difficult times for those who are the subject of hate and discrimination.

We know that people are feeling sadness, anger and fear as a result of the attacks. The Mayor of London and the Met Police have made additional Police available to reassure communities and visit mosques, and Council Presence Officers will also be on hand.

We encourage you to report Hate incidents to the Police via their non-emergency 101 number. If you feel in immediate danger call 999.

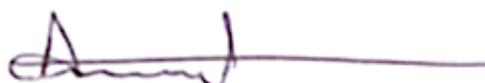
If you hear of any concerns or anything else you think might be relevant contact the Council's Community Safety team via 020 7974 4444, communitysafety@camden.gov.uk. You can also contact Tell MAMA 020 7935 5573.

We are grateful today and every day for the diversity of our communities, and we commit ourselves to do everything in our power to ensure Camden remains a safe place for all faiths and backgrounds to live, raise families, work and worship.

Yours sincerely



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Cabinet Member for Cohesion



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