

Middle East Conflict 2023

The events in Israel of 7th October were profoundly horrifying and evil and the price exacted upon the innocent population of Gaza since then has been horrific. Both have rightly shocked the world.

It has been a relief that a deal was reached for a temporary cessation of violence, and that some of the hostages were released. But the world must demand that they all be released immediately and that the killing must cease, so that a robust political settlement can be forged that will bring this terrible situation to an end.

Motion

This Council

- Expresses deep sympathy for all those affected by this conflict and by all wars.
- Hopes for an immediate further release of all hostages and an immediate ceasefire to allow more aid and the possibility of a peaceful resolution.
- Holds the view that people of all faiths and none should feel safe and supported wherever they are.

This Council resolves to:

- Explore how the council can better support and facilitate events in our District for people of all faiths and none where they can come together and express solidarity and sadness.
- Offer appropriate support to any Horsham resident who needs our assistance as a result of these and any other violent events.
- Stand ready to provide support and open our arms to innocent people displaced by events of conflict.
- Condemn the use of all dehumanising language and call on our communities to treat each other with respect and refrain from inflammatory terms to describe any other group.