

West Oxfordshire District Green Party Councillors do not support the ‘Zionism is Racism’ motion.

As Green Party Councillors, we are not required to support all national party policies and these are our personal views. We respect those who campaigned sincerely for the motion and who voted for it at conference, but feel this motion creates division.

Opposition to racism, discrimination and bigotry, including antisemitism, are core Green values that we all hold dear.

A year ago, we seconded and supported the Council motion on Israel and Palestine, regarding the humanitarian crisis in Israel and Palestine. It condemned Hamas's October 2023 attacks and hostage-taking, criticized the actions of the Israeli government in Gaza, and called on the UK government to do more. We will continue to call out the war crimes of the Netanyahu government, which are globally condemned as genocide and ethnic cleansing.

Our role as local councillors is to represent all our residents, which includes protecting the rights of both Palestinians and Jewish communities here in the UK. We will continue to do what we can to fight antisemitism and racism, and to make West Oxfordshire a safe and welcoming place for all.

Cllr Rosie Pearson

Cllr Genny Early

Cllr Sandra Simpson

Cllr Andrew Prosser

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