

Hare Krishna Temple Defence Movement

**HKTDM, P.O.Box 624, Harrow,
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Dedicated to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
Founder Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness

Spiritual Leader on behalf of ISKCON: His Holiness Krishnadas Swami



**THE HARE KRISHNA TEMPLE
DEFENCE MOVEMENT**

"Remember me and fight"

7th October

VIA FAX TRANSMISSION

Dr Avtar Lit,
CEO,
Sunrise Radio,
Southall,
Middx.

Dear Avtar,

RE: Soapbox for 16th October

Further to our telephone conversation of a few days ago on doing broadcast on 16th October morning, I am providing below the names of the parties:

Cllr Mrs M.Colne (Chairwoman of Hertsmere Planning Board-Liberal)

Cllr Mike Colne (Leader of Hertsmere Liberal Party)

Contact: Home telephone no. 081 950 4613

Cllr Ian Southern (Conservative Hertsmere Cllr. lives in village)

Contact: Home telephone no. 0923 852300

Mr. Philip Marsh (Chairman of Letchmore Village trust)

Contact: Home tel. 0923 856245

Mr. Roger Hewlett (Treasurer of Letchmore Village)

From our side will be Cllr Frank Ward (Labour Hertsmere Council), Akhandadhi Das (Temple President) and myself.

In my opinion it would be better if Sunrise invites the above representatives because it would be more meaningful and have better response than us contacting them for your program.

Please accept our sincere appreciation for meeting us a week ago and showing us around. We are also grateful to you for the support you have given us.

Yours sincerely,

Naresh K.Chadha (Chairman of Temple Defence Movement)

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Spiritual Leader on behalf of ISKCON: His Holiness ~~Krishna Das Swami~~ **VERY URGENT FAX TRANSMISSION**

12th July 1994

Mr Paul Davis
Operations Manager,
Sunrise Radio,
Southall, Middx.
UB2 4AU.

Dear Paul,

RE: YOUR NEWSCAST OF TODAY

I am writing in reference to your series of news reports of today in which you stated repeatedly that "from your reliable source you know that the Hertsmere Council will grant the planning permission for a year to use the temple while they review the flow of traffic"

I would like to know what was the source of this information because:

- a) It was not correct and consequently
- b) It had misled a lot of your listener and our devotees resulting in many of them not coming to the rally outside the Hertsmere Council.

As you know we had paid Sunrise to advertise for this gathering, and your incorrect news items has had a negative impact for which we are very angry and upset. Therefore, we would like you reveal the source of your information and at the same time carry an apology on the air for presenting a news item which was incorrect, misleading and without proper investigation.

For your information tonight the Hertsmere Council has deferred the issue till their full operations meeting either in September or October 1994. This was because non of the proposals were accepted and the Planning board were not only split but confused at the end of various votings that had taken place.

Looking forward to hearing soon from you.

Yours sincerely,

Naresh K Chadha
Chairman Temple Defence Movement

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Mailing address:

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Dated 12th Mar '94

To,

The chairman of the Hindu
Temple.

We are sorry to hear about the problems
the community is having over trying to keep your
temple open.

We, the muslim community, fully support your
community and the cause. We are sorry we
could not support you over the last month as it
was Ramadan and we are offering full support
to your community now.

Yours faithfully
M. A. Khan
General Secretary.



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Housing, Inner Cities and Construction

Department of the Environment
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- 9 MAY 1994

Dr. A. Chatterjee

Thank you for your letters of 9 April, to my colleague David Curry and to me, about the use of Bhaktivedanta Manor, at Letchmore Heath, for public worship by supporters of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON).

My colleagues and I fully appreciate the significance of Bhaktivedanta Manor to the Hindu community. But I regret there is little I can helpfully add to the official's reply of 25 April to your similar letter to the Secretary of State.

Our latest information is that the Manor has not been closed for public worship; and Hertsmere Borough Council seem unlikely to take steps to prevent public worship while ISKCON's planning application to use the Manor as a temple, and to provide a re-routed access road, is being considered. The outcome of the planning application is Hertsmere Borough Council's sole responsibility. I am sorry that neither I nor any other Minister can intervene in this matter in the way you would like.

I hope you will accept that freedom of religious expression in this country is not at issue here. All that is at issue is whether the present use of Bhaktivedanta Manor is acceptable on planning grounds. This involves considerations of residential amenity in the village of Letchmore Heath and the volume of traffic resulting from visitors who come to worship at the Manor. We hope that a mutually acceptable solution may be achieved.

Y. Young
for

SIR GEORGE YOUNG Bt MP

Naresh Chadha Esq

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"Remember Me and Fight"
Lord Krishna - Gita 8:7

December 1990.

Dear Life Members,
Hare Krishna.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all very Happy Krishna Conscious New Year.

Regarding the future of your temple Bhaktivedanta Manor we can see some rays of sunshine; although the threat of the closure of the temple is far from being over. The appeal courts have granted another chance in fighting the enforcement order by Department of Environment. With the recent changes in the Conservative government, we have another opportunity of taking our campaign to the new Cabinet and Prime Minister.

It is time for all Vaisnavs to unite and fight for the freedom of worship. We, request and urge the support of everyone in this matter. We would like you to write letters once again to the new Prime Minister Mr. John Major who is portrait as champion of minority causes : specifically stating your opposition to the closure of Bhaktivedanta Manor which is the place of our worship for thousands of International devotees.

We are in desperate need of volunteers who are prepared to help and assist us in our campaign. We are looking for representation in several areas around London and would encourage them to contact any one of us at the telephone listed below. With your support and help we will not let our Bhaktivedanta Manor be closed.

Yours in the service of
Lord Krishna

Naresh Chadha
Chairman

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**THE HARE KRISHNA TEMPLE
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Mr C B Patel,
Editor,
Gujarat Samachar
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London N1 6HD

Dear C B Patelji,

Hare Krishna,

I am writing to express our committee's sincere thanks to you and your staff for supporting us whole heartedly in our campaign to defend the Bhaktivedanta Manor from closing.

Gujarat Samachar has taken a leading role in giving a good coverage of our defence campaign and has thus published several articles of recent events. Our fight to save Bhaktivedanta Manor is on Lord Krishna's message in Gita and that is "Remember me and fight". Our efforts in this cause is thankless and with only one aim and that is to protect our "Dharma".

We are hoping that other ethnic minority publications will also take notice of our fight and will endeavour to give us maximum coverage in coming days and explain to our British Asians the injustice we are experiencing.

Yours in the service of Lord Krishna,

Naresh K Chadha
Chairman
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FAX TRANSMISSION

Spiritual Leader on behalf of ISKCON: His Holiness Krishnadas Swami

14th March 1994

Dear Mr ~~Iqbal~~ Sakranie, Wasti

RE: Protest Rally 16th March 1994

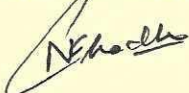
Further to our telephone conversation of today morning, I am pleased to invite you to on behalf of Hare Krishna Temple Defence Movement to attend and speak at the rally at **Geraldene Mary Hansworth Public Park** on Wednesday 16th march 1994 at 3.30pm.

We have invited several Member of Parliament and other ethnic minority religious leaders to address rally specifically on lack of "Freedom of Worship" in UK and injustice we are experiencing in this matter.

I would be grateful if you could come or if not nominate any Muslim brother or sister who could speak at the rally. I could be contacted at 0734 772840 or 0836 588285 or call the temple at 0923 856269. I am attaching some background information and problems we have experienced.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely,



Naresh K.Chadha
Chairman, Temple Defence Movement.



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9th March 1994

Dear *Ms. Pyara Khosla MP.*

Hindu Temple Protest Rally
Geraldene Mary Hansworth Public Park

Would you please accept this invitation from the Temple Defence Movement to attend and speak at the rally which will be held at the above location on Wednesday 16th March 1994 at 3.30pm.

The purpose of this protest march and rally which culminates in a lobby of Parliament is to focus the attention of the nation through the media of the press and television, on the injustice of closing the Hindu Temple in Letchmore Heath by the use of an Enforcement Notice to prevent public worship which takes effect from today.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support which we have enjoyed and very much appreciated on previous occasions.

Signed

Naresh Chadha
Temple Defence Movement Chairman



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18 February 1994

PLEASE QUOTE MY REFERENCE
ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mr. Chadha,

Bhaktivedanta Manor, Hindu Temple, Letchmore Heath, Herts.

Further to my letter of 17 February, I am writing to notify you that, with effect from next Monday 21 February, I wish your Fast ~~to~~ to be conducted on the grassed areas, as we previously agreed.

At the request of their spokesman on Monday 14 February, I agreed to your colleagues sheltering under the canopy in view of the bitterly cold weather, but that has now passed.

I also understand that their presence immediately outside the main entrance doors has affected the operation of the reception area.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Philip Copland'.

Philip Copland
Managing Director

c.c. Inspector Mark Foden, Borehamwood Police Station
Head of Planning (attn. Mike Peters)
Stephanie Fitzgerald, Snr. Information Officer, Reception
Albert Light, Customer & Client Services Manager
Graham Davies, Land & Property Section

BY FAX

Mr. N. Chadha, Chairman
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Dear Nand Kishore Das ji.

Hare Krishna

This is to thank you and your supporters for the valuable contribution in arranging a rally in Bomaby.

With your campaign and support in India, we have laid a firm foundation upon which we must build for the future to ensure that intimidation and persecution of British Hindus, by closing their place of worship, is never allowed to happen again to any section of our community.

The impact of our protest worldwide has resulted in Hertsmere Borough Council to allow the temple to remain open until the planning application for the access road, which is the solution to this dispute, to be considered by the planning Sub-Board on the 7th June this year.

Our campaign is not over yet, and we look forward to your continuing assistance in next coming months by putting pressure through British Consulates.

Yours in the service of the Lord Krishna.

Naresh K Chadha

From: KEITH VAZ MP

2 December 199
MY REF: GTM/KV/BJ



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Mr N Chadha
Ethnic Minority Business Service
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Dear Mr Chada

I am writing to say how good it was to meet you recently and I hope that we shall have another opportunity of meeting again in the not too distant future.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Keith Vaz

KEITH VAZ



Srila Prabhupada's Dream

An invitation to fulfil a vision of the spiritual world

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Naresh Chadha
20 Broughton Road
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12th June 1996

Dear Naresh ji,

Hare Krishna. Please accept my best wishes and the blessings of Lord Krishna.

The summer weather is a good reminder that Janmashtami - the celebration of the birth of Lord Krishna is not far away - and this year we hope to make it the best ever celebration observed at Bhaktivedanta Manor. Although the news of the victory has removed some of our anxiety, the war is not completely over until the day we officially open the new driveway. Our Patron Council have already started the initial work for the road. Please pray that the work can be completed by Janmashtami.

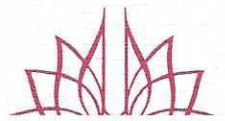
I also wish to remind you of the Saharsra Tirtha Jal Abhisek of Srila Prabhupada on the day of his 100th birthday - 6th Sept. You all have the opportunity of bathing Srila Prabhupada with water collected from 1008 holy places - but time is running out. We need to make the order for the Kalash and water; Remember this is a unique opportunity and event - "na bhuto na bhavisyati" - It has never happened before nor will it ever happen again. If you still haven't reserved your Kalash and would like to, please return the card enclosed - as soon as possible.

I hope and pray that all else is well. Please continue nicely in your spiritual life - always chanting Hare Krishna and remembering the Lord in all circumstances. Hare Krishna. I beg to remain.

Your servant,


Pranabandhu das.

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8th March 1994
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Dear Dr Sharma,

RE: Enforcement of Bhaktivedanta Manor from Public Worship

I hope you had enjoyable and fruitful visit to India recently.

As promised I am sending you latest update on the status of our campaign.

1. On December 18th the temple gave Hertsmere Council planning permission for the access road, and the council has responded that they would be considering the application of 16 June 1994. This delaying tactics which we know is after the local and MEP's election has outraged the whole Hindu Community.
2. Keith Vaz has tabled an EDM for which he is receiving all party support (I am attaching the copy).
3. We are planning a massive March through London on 16th March the day enforcement order takes place. Our request has gone all out for all Hindus in UK to stop work for half day to show solidarity in closure of the temple. Our preparation are underway to provide free coaches from various parts of London in order people can come. Also, we have had positive response from Coventry, B'Ham, Manchester and Leicester areas who are going to join in. Request has gone out to Sikh and Muslim organisations also to support us in the injustice in the Freedom of Worship. Many MP's will be joining us like Keith Vaz, Sir Rhodes Boyson, John Watts.

Please let me know if you are able to arrange any meetings with Conservative officials which would assist in the solution we have presented ie the access road.

Looking forward to hearing soon from you.

Yours sincerely,

Naresh K.Chadha

Attachments:

LABOUR COUNCILLORS

COUNCILLOR TONY BELTON
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Mr. Naresh Chadha
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2nd April 1994

Dear Mr. Chadha

....
~~Thank you for your letter of 29 March and the video.~~

I am happy to endorse the position taken by the Hertsmere Labour Group and ensure you of the support of the Wandsworth Labour Group.

We have a proud record of supporting religious freedom, through the support of planning applications from many religious groups in the Borough. Of course, there are frequently conflicts between the interests of local residents and religious groups, especially in heavily urbanised areas like Wandsworth. However, in our experience there is almost always room for compromise and negotiation.

In your case it seems clear that your intention to build a link road is precisely the compromise needed.

In return I must say that the Labour Party in Wandsworth would, indeed, appreciate your support. We face a tough fight in the Borough but have high hopes of toppling the Tory Party from its controlling position in the Borough.

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Yours sincerely


TONY BELTON

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8 April 1994

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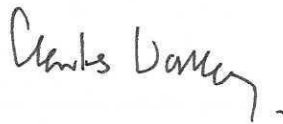
Dear Mr Chadha,

Cardinal Hume has asked me to thank you for your letter and enclosures.

He is aware of the very difficult situation which has arisen over the future of Bhaktivedanta Manor. The Cardinal has great respect for the Hindu community in this country and he is very anxious that the highly complex legal problem which has arisen over the future of the temple should not become a focus for the expression of religious intolerance or prejudice by anyone.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



Charles Wookey
Assistant for Public Affairs

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Councillor E M Jones, Leader of the Council

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4 April, 1994

Dear Mr Chadha,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 29 March and the enclosed video, which I look forward to watching.

I have followed press reports of the actions of Hertsmere Council, and their attempts to close the temple, with increasing concern. I am glad to hear that you have managed to obtain land for alternative access, and I very much hope this will prove to be the solution which you seek.

I am happy to support your cause, and if there is any particular way that I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,

COUNCILLOR EVAN M JONES

Mr Naresh Chadha,
Chair,
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Councillor Hugh Jones
Leader of the Conservative Opposition

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Our Ref: HJ/AD

Date: 7 April 1994

N Chadha Esq
Chairman
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Dear Mr Chadha

Thank you for your letter of 29 March 1994.

I can confirm to you that the Lambeth Conservative Group supports fully the right of religious freedom and worship.

I do not feel I really know enough about the specific dispute surrounding the planning application for Bhaktivedants Manor to be able to comment further on that particular matter. However, it is not a unique difficulty for there to be local residents concern about planning applications for places of religious worship, of whatever religious. We have faced similar problems at times in Lambeth.

However, I would agree that a solution should always be sought to try to allow freedom of worship to be reconciled with local residents' rights to enjoy their residential amenities.

Yours sincerely



Hugh Jones
Leader of the Conservative Opposition

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Date: 7 April 1994

Dear Mr Chadha

Thank you for your letter of 29th March.

I, and my colleagues on the Labour Group in Enfield, observed with some horror the machinations of the Hertsmer Council in trying to close the Bhaktivedanta Manor temple over the past few years and I have previously expressed our horror in writing.

The Labour Group in Enfield is totally committed to helping all religions to have full freedom of worship in the manner that they choose and whilst this is not directly stated in our manifesto, it is implicit in the way we have conducted ourselves for many years and will be implicit in the way in which a Labour Council in Enfield will run the Borough.

If there is anything more that I can do to help your cause, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

B. L. Butt

PP Jeff Rodin
Leader of the Labour Group, Enfield Council





Council Members' Room
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7th April, 1994

Naresh Chadha,
Chairman,
Hare Krishna Temple Defence Movement,
P.O. Box 624,
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Dear Naresh Chadha,

Thank you for your letter dated 29th March with the enclosed background information about your organisation and the history of Bhaktivedanta Manor at Letchmore Heath.

I have been acutely aware of the problems faced by the planning application which is needed to be implemented to overcome problems of access to this place of worship and pilgrimage.

People from the Hindu community in Croydon were actively involved in lobbying Malcolm Wicks M.P. and Keith Hill M.P. in nearby Streatham when the Early Day Motion was put down in the House of Commons following the Enforcement Notice which took effect in March.

You ask in your letter whether our group is prepared to support the right of religious freedom and worship and I am pleased to inform you that on behalf of the Labour Group on Croydon Council and its approved candidates in the forthcoming Local Election on 5th May, that we publicly support the right of all peoples to pursue their particular religion freely and to worship in freedom also.

I appreciated the opportunity to view the video you sent me and if you would like it returned to someone locally or to yourself perhaps you could contact me. I hope that Mrs. Dave, who is active in the Croydon and district Hindu community, will substantiate my position as someone who has been a longtime supporter of the rights of Hindus to worship according to their faith and I am happy for you to contact her to confirm this.

Yours sincerely,

MARY WALKER (COUNCILLOR)
LEADER OF THE LABOUR GROUP

From: Leader of the Liberal Democrats Group
Councillor Michael Tuffrey

Your Ref:

Our Ref: MT/MF/D19

Date: 8th April 1994

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Dear Mr. Chadha,

Thank you for your letter of 29th March together with the short video.

I am responding, as requested, but have to say that I have absolutely no standing in the matter at all. Lambeth Council is the Planning Authority for this area only and has no ability to influence Hertsmere Borough Council.

That said, I wish you every success in resolving this issue to the mutual satisfaction both of your members and of the local community. Your proposal for a new access road appears a good way forward, based on the information that you have provided.

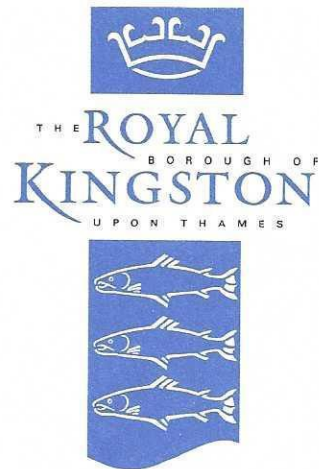
Yours sincerely,



Councillor Mike Tuffrey

LEADER OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS ON LAMBETH COUNCIL

■ Leader of the Council
Councillor Paul Clokie



5 April 1994

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Dear Chairman

Thank you for your letter of 29 March 1994 asking for the Council to help in your fight with Hertsmere Council. I am afraid it is not normally the policy of this Council to join in, or to interfere with, the activities of colleague Councils. I would suggest that the normal process for that is through the demographic process in Hertsmere and by lobbying appropriate Councillors prior to a Council Meeting.

I am sorry that I can be of no further help to you.

Yours faithfully

Paul Clokie



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17 February 1994

PLEASE QUOTE MY REFERENCE
ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mr. Chadha,

Bhaktivedanta Manor, Hindu Temple, Letchmore Heath, Herts.

Thank you for your letter of 11 February, which was handed to my Personal Assistant when members of your Defence Movement began their Fast outside these offices on Monday 14 February.

We had previously agreed that you would notify me by telephone that morning of the proposed date, and I was disappointed, therefore, that you felt unable to honour that understanding or, indeed, inform your colleagues of the arrangements we had discussed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Philip Copland'.

Philip Copland
Managing Director

c.c. Head of Planning

Mr. N. Chadha
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1st April 1994

Cardinal Basil Hume
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Dear Cardinal Hume

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I am sure you will agree the present difficulties of all religions in this rapidly expanding materialistic world are not assisted by this form of unsubstantiated allegations that even in the event of containing a modicum of truth, fails to qualify the present injustice and persecution of the Hindu Community and the decision to close their place of worship, Bhaktivedanta Manor Hindu Temple in Letchmore Heath Nr Watford.

Yours in The Service of Lord Krishna

Naresh Chadha

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Chairman Temple Defence Movement.

c.c. Temple President
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**THE HARE KRISHNA TEMPLE
DEFENCE MOVEMENT**

"Remember me and fight"

1st April 1994

Mr. M.Khanal
High Commissioner of Nepal
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I am sure you will agree that the present intolerance and unrest in Europe and The United Kingdom which has caused great concern and distress within the Ethnic Communities and has often manifested in violence will not be assisted by this form of comment appearing even in the provincial press and must be challenged in defence of our right of Worship in this consecrated shrine in Bhaktivedanta Manor Temple in Letchmore Heath nr Watford.

Yours in The service of Lord Krishna

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Hindus breaking the law?

I WISH to express my concern on various utterances by individuals who are concerned about saving the Hindu temple in Letchmore Heath as reported in the Borehamwood Times.

Councillor Frank Ward states that he felt the Hindus' natural respect for the law was being exploited, yet goes on to say that every practising Hindu must examine his or her conscience and be prepared to exercise their right to break the law.

Is Councillor Ward suggesting that Hindus break the law of Great Britain?

Naresh Chadha, chairman of the temple defence movement, is reported as saying, "under no circumstances will we allow the temple gates to be closed", so is he planning to use violence if necessary?

Paresh Patel, a member of the Hindu group, is also reported as saying, "young people are angry and some of them were ready to take drastic action". Does he too mean that they will resort to violence?

If Councillor Ward purchased Catholic newspapers he will have seen it reported that in Nepal, the world's only Hindu kingdom, that any Hindu who converts to Christianity can be sentenced to a maximum six-year prison term. This is shameful intolerance by Hindus towards Christians.

In Eastern India, eight Catholic parishes have been given police protection from ram-paging mobs of Hindus.

One Catholic priest said a Hindu mob,

2,000-strong, burnt 35 Catholic houses, beat up people and ransacked houses and the church, while another 300-strong mob attacked an Indian Catholic priest who had to flee for his life and seek police protection.

Let's hope that Hindus in Britain are more law-abiding than their fellow Hindus in India.

Borehamwood Times

24th March 1994

S.F. Ryan
Borehamwood.

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30th March 1994

Dear Editor

I would refer to the letter publicised in your edition of the 24th March 1994 in the name of S F Ryan of Boreham Wood.

The speech made by Councillor Frank Ward in which he expressed his belief that British Hindus would challenge the law was in the context that unjust laws which allow discrimination must be broken in order to initiate a process that will replace such legislation with laws that are equitable and that ordinary people are able to respect.

In Britain for example unjust laws which denied woman the right to vote were replaced in 1918 with The Representation of the Peoples Act, and conferred upon the majority of woman the right to this equality with men, all woman being granted this status ten years later.

This change in the law followed protest marches and civil disobedience by woman called "Suffragettes" who had to break the law in order that it be replaced.

I would accept that many Hindus are angry at being treated as second class citizens with regards to their religion but I would advise you that the faith of Hinduism like most other religions demands non-violence in the conduct of its followers.

However, we must not hold any religion to account for the actions of just a few of its members, anymore than we may hold the Catholic Church and the Protestant Church responsible for the sickening violence and killings in Northern Ireland and Britain which its so called supporters have inflicted on each other in the name of religion during the previous twenty five years and continues to this day unabated despite the pleas for peace and understanding from the leaders of these two respective Christian Churches.

Equally the claim by S F Ryan that Hindus who convert to Christianity are being jailed in Nepal bears little credibility in the absence of evidence.

We note that S F Ryan has failed to identify which Catholic newspapers reported these allegations.

However, we have written to Cardinal Basil Hume the Head of the Catholic Church in the United Kingdom and requesting his comments and also to the High Commissioner of Nepal who is located in London.

We are not prepared to allow innuendo and hearsay evidence to detract from our objective to expose the failure of Parliament to ensure that there are laws on the nation's statute books that afford protection for the freedom of religious worship for all religions and the fight to save our Temple is a prime example of the need to reform the law.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Naresh Chadha". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Naresh Chadha (chairman)

Hare Krishna Temple Defence Movement.

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5 April 1994

Dear Naresh Chadha

In reply to your letter of 29/3/94 on behalf of the Tower Hamlets Labour Group I write to express our support for all groups within our society to have the right of religious freedom and worship.

I enclose a recent press cutting from the Daily Mirror which shows how this is an important issue in Tower Hamlets. Labour will be campaigning in the coming weeks to fight for a community where all groups can live in harmony.

I wish you good luck in your campaign.

Yours Sincerely,

Councillor John Biggs.



We're delighted to stop Muslims turning this pub into a mosque, say Lib Dems



STORM: Paddy Ashdown



ACCUSED: Councillor Jeremy Shaw



ACCUSED: Councillor Betty Wright

Dear Mr.

RE: "THE FLAMINGO"

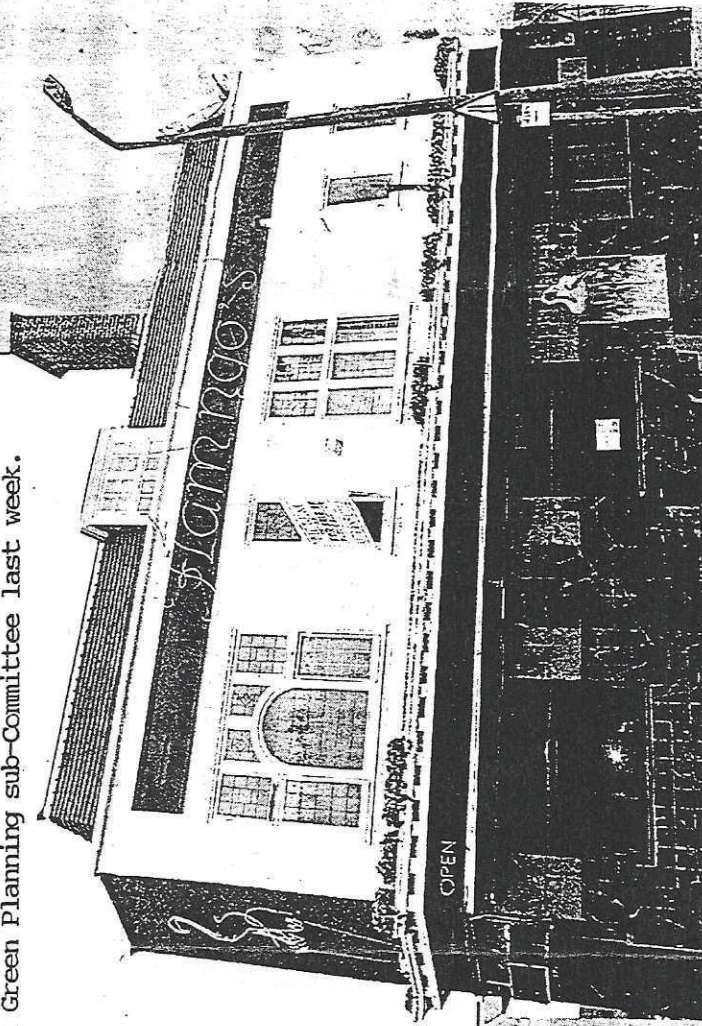
You recently signed a petition objecting to the planning application to turn "The Flamingo" into a Masjid.

We are delighted to let you know that we have rejected this application. It was turned down by the Bethnal Green Planning sub-Committee last week.

Yours sincerely,

JEREMY A. SHAW (Councillor)

BETTY WRIGHT (Councillor)



The letter that sparked a new race row in East London and (right) the bar Muslims wanted as a mosque. They planned to pay £90,000 for it if the scheme got the go-ahead

LIBERAL Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown was plunged into a new race row last night after rebel councillors boasted about blocking plans to turn a bar into a mosque.

Thousands of letters have been sent out by two members of London's Tower Hamlets Council which is controlled by the Liberal Democrats.

Racist

They tell protesters: "We are delighted to let you know that we have rejected this application."

The letter was signed by councillors Betty Wright and Jeremy Shaw who were named in an inquiry into allegations of racist tactics in an East London council by-election.

The Daily Mirror has a copy of the mailshot sent to opponents of the proposed Bethnal Green Mosque which would have provided a place of worship for 2,500 Muslims.

And angry community leaders accuse the Tower Hamlets councillors of playing the "racist card" for the May local elections.

Even opponents of the mosque were shocked by the tone of the letter.

One said: "It seemed to be crowing or boasting.

"A council shouldn't be sending out letters like this on their own headed paper. It doesn't exactly help race relations."

Angry

Hajji Mohammed Nur-baksh, general secretary of the Shahporan Masjid Trust which proposed the scheme, said an appeal was being considered against the ruling by Bethnal Green planning sub-committee.

"This makes me upset and angry," he said. "It was a racist decision."

Last year Liberal democrats were accused of circulating racist leaflets during the Millwall by-election which was won by the racist British National Party. Jeremy

PADDY'S BOASTING BIGOTS

DAILY Mirror NEWS INQUIRY

By JON UNGOED-THOMAS

Shaw quit the Liberal Democrats after an inquiry ordered by Mr Ashdown and Betty Wright, although still a Liberal Democrat, has been dropped from the list of candidates for the May elections.

Both councillors strongly deny using racist tactics.

And yesterday Betty Wright at first denied using the word "delighted" in the letter.

But when the Mirror confronted her with the proof she admitted it was true.

She said the application to turn the former Flamingo bar in Gosset Street into a mosque was "at the wrong place and the wrong time with the British National Party around."

She added: "There is no element of racism in this.

"We are sitting on a powder-keg here and anything can happen in

the elections." The councillor said that in the long-term the plan would have meant a loss of employment on the site, which would be a breach of council policy.

The sub-committee meeting on March 9 rejected the application on the grounds of the "large number of persons who would use the premises and increased parking."

Playing

But the proposed use for the building in the council's local plan is as a pub.

Tower Hamlets Labour councillor Ghulam Mortuza yesterday accused Liberal Democrats of "wanting to play the racist card before the elections."

He said Mr Shaw may have left the Liberal Democrats, but they still worked as one group.

Lib Dem London

spokesman Simon Hughes said he did not believe that Betty Wright or Jeremy Shaw were against Muslims.

But the MP admitted it was ill-judged to send out the letter in the present climate.

He added: "I think it may be insensitive, tactless and probably very unwise, but it's not racist."

The row over the letter flared as the Liberal Democrats launched a cross-party effort to drive the BNP from East London.

They want Labour and the Tories to join them in standing aside at Millwall on the Isle of Dogs — and backing community candidates to prevent further BNP gains.

Councillor Peter Hughes, leader of the Liberal Democrats in Tower Hamlets, said yesterday: "The problems on the Isle of Dogs are serious and the threat of a BNP victory is real."

The party's local government spokesman David Rendel said: "It is vital that the BNP is scotched as soon as possible."

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