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Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair - Petitions committee

1 December 2025

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 12 November regarding the petition submitted by the community organisation, the Vale for Palestine.

The allegations about the behaviour of some of the protestors in Rhose are concerning and we would encourage the petitioners to submit any evidence to the Police, as the appropriate agency. We will always support peaceful protest within the law but we will not let divisive voices and extremism undermine the values that hold us together. We continue to consistently voice of our strong and absolute opposition to hate in all its forms, as I did during the recent Hate Hurts Wales Oral Statement on 14 October.

As the petition makes clear, the proscription of groups is not a Welsh Government responsibility. Our views on whether certain groups should or should not be proscribed is not a relevant factor in how the Home Secretary makes these decisions. It would also not be appropriate for Welsh Government to 'investigate' the actions of extremist groups. Policing and criminal justice responses are outside of our responsibilities.

Nevertheless, Welsh Government is delivering a range of actions to address hate and prejudice in Wales, working with local authorities, police and other stakeholders to monitor and mitigate community tensions, and reassuring communities when necessary. We also continue to support communities through anti-racism initiatives, and we remain firmly committed to creating an anti-racist Wales by 2030, with our Anti-racist Wales Action Plan setting out a range of goals to deliver meaningful change.

Our Hate Hurts Wales campaign highlights to perpetrators, or potential perpetrators, the hugely negative impact of their actions on both the victim and their own lives, as well as highlighting the importance of bystanders for securing a positive outcome. We have increased the Hate Hurts Wales budget by more than 80% in 2025-26 to help us to ensure victims learn about the support available, particularly in the context of increasing hateful rhetoric.

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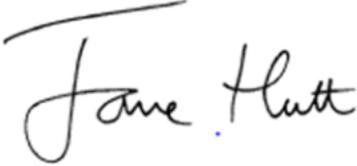
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

We have provided a 25% funding uplift to our Community Cohesion Programme this year, taking it to £1.6m across eight local government regional teams. The teams foster good relations between and within communities across the whole of Wales. The Programme acts as a conduit to support participation and inclusion of communities in local decision-making and policies. The Programme is a key mechanism for helping Welsh Government and local authorities to monitor and mitigate tensions within communities across Wales.

I hope this information assists the Committee in its formal consideration of the petition.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hutt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke above the first letter of "Jane".

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