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Subject: Recent Statements and Allegations

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Subject: RE: Recent Statements and Allegations

1. Until now you have only said you don't condone violence, you have not said you condemn violence. As for a smear campaign, you and your group have, through this offensive chat smeared yourselves and now as usual you seek to blame everyone for your short comings.
2. Your own group chat members felt so uneasy with the content of the chat that they went to the police without any contact from the green group. Free speech is fine, but unfortunately it is not without consequence. Rest assured formal processes will follow and are being prepared as we speak.
3. You have never been respectful to opposition members or your own members when they have given scrutiny to your actions etc.

Might I suggest that instead of blaming others you have the courage to stand up to the members of your group who have put you and your party in this position.

Leadership is not about nice videos and press releases, it is about taking responsibility when things go wrong and apologising and making things right, at this point you are not showing any leadership.

If you had reached out when this begun, or called it out in the chat and offered an apology to me or my group it would be yesterday's news, but unfortunately it seems your determination to victim blame will perpetuate this well in to the election campaign. It is my guess that this will harm your campaign more than mine.

Enjoy your weekend.

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From: Lynne Doherty

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Subject: Recent Statements and Allegations

Dear All,

Over the last week there have been a number of statements made to you all using this Group email.

I would like to make the following points in response.

1, I would say in response to these allegations that we (the Conservative Group) will always condemn violence.

We will run a fair and honest campaign in the lead up to May and we hope that the other parties will do so rather than resorting to smear campaigns.

2, I do not believe there to be malicious intent in the What's App messages that have been shared and they have been done so in a nuanced way that does not show full context.

The Chief Constable spoke last night about the balance between freedom of speech in a private space and what is done publically.

We may all have varying views about the threshold of this, but if anyone feels there has been a breach then there are formal processes adopted by this Council that can be followed and I would fully engage with.

3, I have significant concerns about the truth and accuracy of what has been shared on social media and therefore today I have engaged with our formal processes.

I will continue to do what I have always done which is to be respectful to you all and dedicate my time and efforts to representing those who have elected me.

I will not respond any further to this matter.

Kind Regards

Lynne

Cllr Lynne Doherty

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