

Motion [REDACTED]

This CLP is committed to identifying and fighting all forms of racism, discrimination and bigotry which include antisemitism, Islamophobia and racism against black, asian and other minorities, and will call out these abhorrent and dangerous ideas, which are a threat to life and limb and a challenge to our socialist values and working class unity.

This CLP upholds and supports the right of ALL to make complaints using the correct complaints procedure.

We do not however, support the lack of due process in dealing with serious matters. We condemn going to a hostile press and Social Media rather than using the internal Labour Party structures when dealing with concerns.

Our MP has on numerous occasions contributed to and written articles that have been seized upon by a press unjustly hostile to Jeremy Corbyn. By doing so our MP has smeared his character without him having the right to a fair and balanced defence and she has fuelled and indeed inflamed trial by media as is demonstrated in the following articles:



Jeremy Corbyn appals me - and his behaviour will get no better

The chair of LFI says her party's leader is not interested in Middle East peace - just in meeting terrorists with blood on their hands

Jewish Chronicle, 21st August 2018

“Joan Ryan, the Labour MP and chairwoman of Labour Friends of Israel, demanded an investigation into Mr Corbyn’s comments. “It is beyond abhorrent that the leader of the Labour party would ever welcome the release of such depraved terrorists,” she told The Times.”

The Times, 2nd August 2018

Our MP has Tweeted her own allegations of antisemitism against the Labour party. This is not conducive to due process. We believe our MP has acted against decency, fairness and natural justice and brought her office and our party into disrepute.



When this CLP witnesses our MP making false allegations of antisemitism against a fellow member Jean Fitzpatrick in the Al Jazeera documentary The Lobby (see appendix A), we see our MP behaving in a manner not befitting her status as an elected representative of the party and that does not reflect our Labour values. This behaviour has brought not only her office and our party but also us members who worked hard to get her elected into disrepute.

Finally, this CLP saw that during the last stages of canvassing in 2017 General Election our MP wrote a letter to Enfield North’s electorate (see Appendix B) all but abandoning Labour and sought to publicise herself as an independent in all but name.

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“I am independent-minded and have always put Enfield first.”

Joan Ryan, May 2017

The contents of this motion clearly demonstrate that on multiple occasions our MP has publicly undermined the Labour Party in a manner that did not seek a constructive way forward but only inflicted damage on the party. It is our firm belief that the pattern of behaviour we are seeing from our MP is threatening the electability of our party and is jeopardising Labour’s chances of fighting austerity and the savage Tory cuts that are seriously harming our society.

This CLP therefore, in the interest of our party, expresses no confidence in our MP Joan Ryan and seeks removal of the party whip and an open selection process for our next parliamentary candidate.

Appendix A

FAO ENFIELD NORTH MEMBERS DATED 25th AUGUST 2018

I approached the LFI stand at the Labour party conference in Liverpool in 2016 in all good faith. They said they were promoting and supporting a 2 state solution on a big display board.

I genuinely thought this was something I could get more information about from their point of view and have an interesting dialogue about. Was this too naive of me?

It very quickly appeared to me that the main person behind the stand Joan Ryan and her colleagues in fact had very little interest in any discussion at all.

What ensued was captured by al Jazeera....

Whose undercover filming I unwittingly stumbled into.

The shock of being accused of anti-Semitism by the people on the LFI stand came out of the blue a month after I got back from conference. I had got an email from the Compliance Unit who asked me to contact them urgently.

After an email exchange during which I wrote a statement absolutely refuting the allegations and putting my experiences forward, we agreed a date when I could go and discuss the allegations.

For the record I was never suspended.

The 2 hour interview at Labour party offices was carried out by one person professionally and swiftly. I was able to take a "silent friend " with me. The official contacted me the very next morning to inform me in a few lines that i had no case to answer.

This decision came as a huge, huge relief of course - but the strain of the whole case took its toll on me psychologically and emotionally. It would be true to say that it is only in the last year I have begun to recover my health and equilibrium. I turned 71 in June.

Unbeknowns to me at the time of the conference of course but revealed in the al Jazeera film, Joan Ryan while at Conference was embroidering my comments orally and in writing - to all and sundry - including to some very senior Labour party people. In short she was lying about what I had actually said.

It is a terrible burden to have been accused of anti Semitism and to have my name and reputation smeared in this way; it is terrible to find out later through the films that a parliamentarian has actually gone around defaming me. I am considering my options. It is a very serious situation.

As an ordinary person it is quite frightening to see how difficult it is to challenge the lies and smears and to have any official recourse to setting the record straight.


Thank you for letting me explain this to you in my own words and directly to you all.


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Dear Resident

I know from speaking to people around here that many who have previously voted Labour are thinking hard this time because, they tell me, they have more confidence in Theresa May as Prime Minister than they would have in Jeremy Corbyn.

The polls are all saying that the Conservative Party will win a large majority, possibly with more MPs than they have ever had before. Realistically, no one thinks Theresa May will not be Prime Minister, or that she will not have the majority she needs to negotiate Brexit.

Many are concerned, though, that with so many Tory MPs elected around the country, they may be able to push through more cuts to our health service, to schools and to all the basic services which we need. They may be tempted to bring more privatisation to the NHS, to cut back on the state pension and to get rid of tax credits, things which we know they have always wanted to do.

That's why, whatever your misgivings about the Labour leadership, I hope that you will consider voting for me as your local MP. I am independent-minded and have always put Enfield first. I promise that whoever is in government I will continue to fight for you, to listen to all your concerns, and to represent your views and the interests of Enfield in Parliament. Throughout my time in Parliament this has always been my priority and I hope you agree that I have worked hard for this constituency.

I will also continue to work for a Labour Party that once again can deserve your confidence, and that of the country as a whole, so that we may govern in the interests of the many and not just the privileged few.

With my very best wishes,

Joan Ryan
Labour candidate to be re-elected as your MP for Enfield North

PS If you want an MP who is an active local campaigner, and a strong national voice, never scared to speak up for what they believe in, then please vote for me on 8th June.