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Subject: Misuse of <venue name>

To: <venue>

Cc: <politicians for the venue's constituency>

To Whom it May Concern,

Misuse of <venue> <city>

Scottish Friends of Israel (SFI), supporting Israel's right to defend itself and challenging anti-Semitism and racism, has recently been alerted to the intentions of a known racist to hold a series of public meetings in Scotland and elsewhere, indicating that your <venue> may be one intended venue.

Pete Gregson, a notorious anti-Semitic activist based in Edinburgh, is organising a speaking tour in April and May 2023 for himself, Yisroel Dovid Weiss and Dr Azzam Tamimi, an associate of the Muslim Brotherhood and apologist for the terrorist organisation, HAMAS.

We believe that these talks will stir up religious and racial hatred against British Jews and will serve to promote extremism and encourage terrorism.

SFI has deep concerns that such efforts sow division among communities rather than foster tolerance and mutual respect; run counter to the values and principles of <local authority>; fail to ensure charity objectives of the <charity running the venue>.

We ask that, should the situation arise, you prohibit the use of your <venue> by Gregson and his colleagues.

Pete Gregson

A known anti-Semite and Holocaust denier. He is the founder and promotor of several extremist social media platforms presenting anti-Semitic content. A former GMB shop-steward, he was expelled for behaviour recognised by it as "anti-Semitic and racist in nature" and "simply unacceptable" Holocaust denial. He resigned his Labour Party membership while under suspension. He is presently under suspension and investigation by the UK Scout Movement. As well as inciting hatred of Jews, Zionists and Israel, Gregson intends to encourage support for HAMAS, a proscribed terrorist organisation.

Yisroel Dovid Weiss

A regular visitor to Tehran where he expresses his support for the Iranian regime's propaganda. He has also expressed anti-Semitic tropes;

“Zionism and Israel is the root cause of all the bloodshed and animosity between Jews and Muslims including Arabs”.... “The only way to stop this bloodshed is to remove this sickness, this tumour, the thing that is causing bloodshed”.

Although he claims to speak for religious Jews, he is regarded by the overwhelming majority of Jews, religious or not, as a renegade who gives encouragement to their worst enemies.

Dr Azzam Tamimi

A British-Jordanian academic and political activist affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood and allegedly former member of the HAMAS politburo.

Yours sincerely,

Stanley Grossman
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Scottish Friends of Israel.

Copied to concerned MSPs and local authority councillors for their information and attention.