



Press Release

LCM Condemns Hotheads “Welcoming” of British Soldiers

The Luton Council of Mosques (LCM), the representative body for the Muslims of Luton and surrounding areas, strongly condemns and totally disassociates itself from the behaviour of a few ego-centred individuals during the return parade of soldiers. Their actions were ill-advised and wholly misguided.

Although the Iraq war is viewed by many British people (Muslim or not) as being unjust, the soldiers cannot be held responsible for the decisions made by the Government. Indeed, if anything, the protesters should be using their resources to utilise the democratic process to air their grievances. Attacking the soldiers who have risked their lives for our country and the right for all of us to have the freedom we enjoy cannot and is not correct.

It appears this tiny minority will stop at nothing to get attention. They have tried unsuccessfully in the past to disrupt the Holocaust Memorial Day and the Luton Faith Walk – events which are aiming to enhance understanding and value of all citizens irrespective of their faith. The LCM has always been supportive of all initiatives that brings communities together and improves understanding and respect. We therefore entirely reject any message that causes discord and discomfort in community relations.

**Luton Council of Mosques is the representative body
for the Muslims resident in Luton and surrounding areas.**

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