

Membership: A423795

Case Reference: CAS-02353-Y0W7X

11 April 2024

Dear National Constitutional Committee,

This is my response to the NEC's charge against me, which is that I am in breach of Chapter 2, Clause I.11 of the Labour Party Rule because I have "repeatedly failed to complete an antisemitism training module declared to be mandatory by the National Executive Committee".

Regarding the Party's investigation into antisemitism allegations, which resulted in an NEC panel requiring me to complete the training course, the NEC states: "Mr Pitt had the opportunity during the original investigation to lay out his defence in his written submission. Despite this, the NEC still found him in breach of the rules relating to antisemitism and placed the requirement to complete the training on his membership."

Here is what in fact happened.

On 8 September 2021 I received a Notification of Investigation from the Governance and Legal Unit (Item 1 below) asking me to respond to allegations that my conduct on social media could be in breach of Chapter 2, Clause I.8 of the Labour Party Rule Book. Thirteen screenshots of my Facebook posts were included as evidence, covering a two-year period from 2017, the most recent of which was from September 2019. The complaint that was under investigation obviously dated from 2019.

The complainant was almost certainly a crank named Ben Santhouse, who according to the report *The work of the Labour Party's Governance and Legal Unit in relation to antisemitism, 2014 -2019* was responsible for "half of the antisemitism complaints and a third of the antisemitism cases" that the Party dealt with in 2019. The report states that this individual submitted complaints that were "typically poorly evidenced", consisting mainly of "screenshots of streams of Facebook posts", and that he showed "a poor understanding of antisemitism".

That would explain why the complaint about me didn't result in any investigation in 2019. The reason it came up two years later was that in July 2021 the Party recruited up to fifty "temporary investigation officers" to work with the GLU in dealing with what was described as "a large backlog of internal complaints". It appears that the temporary staff just trawled through the records, automatically activating complaints that had been previously filed under no further action. A number of party members, including Jess Barnard and Kate Osborne, fell victim to this inexcusable and unjust procedure.

In my case no effort had been made to check the validity of the thirteen accusations against me, or even to correct the complainant's grammar. His screenshots and subliterate comments were simply copied-and-pasted into a template letter.

The draft charge presented against me, based on this nonsense, was that I had engaged in conduct that:

“a. may reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on race, religion and belief; and/or b. may reasonably be seen to involve antisemitic actions, stereotypes and sentiments; and/or c. undermines the Party’s ability to campaign against racism; and/or d. Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective – such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.”

I wrote a very long and detailed response to this, addressing each of the thirteen items in turn and demonstrating the absurdity of the charge. (I’m not going to include it here because it’s so long, but I have made a copy available for [download](#).)

On 1 April 2022 I received a Notice of Outcome of Investigation (Item 2 below) from the GLU, which stated that: “The NEC Panel found, on the balance of probabilities, that you posted two comments about antisemitism ‘witch-hunts’ and ‘hysteria’ on 31 May 2018 and 26 September [sic] 2019 and wrote that Adam Langleben should ‘fuck off’ on 19 February 2019.”

This was held to be in breach of the Code of Conduct: Antisemitism and other forms of racism (which states that “behaviour or use of language which ... undermines Labour’s ability to campaign against any form of racism, is unacceptable conduct”); and the Code of Conduct: Social Media Policy (which prohibits “abusive behaviour”). On these grounds the NEC panel issued me with a formal warning.

I disagreed with this decision. As I had explained in my response to the charges, the point about a witch-hunt is not that there are no witches, but that the extent of the phenomenon is grossly exaggerated and innocent people are falsely accused. The term “hysteria” was used in connection with an incident in which a Labour councillor boasted about having launched a physical attack on a peaceful protest outside the 2019 Party conference. I don’t believe that the use of either term undermined the Party’s ability to campaign against racism. When I suggested that Langleben should “fuck off” I was quoting [his own abusive comment](#) back at him, ironically. (I doubt any disciplinary action was taken against Langleben himself.)

Still, the absurd draft charge contained in the original Notification of Investigation had been rejected. The NEC panel did not find that I had engaged in conduct that “may reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on race, religion and belief”. Nor did they find my conduct “may reasonably be seen to involve antisemitic actions, stereotypes and sentiments”. They also acquitted me of “making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective – such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions”.

So as you can imagine I was extremely annoyed when I then received a Notice of Requirement to Complete Training (Item 3 below) from the GLU which stated that “a panel of the National Executive Committee (the NEC Panel) found that you had engaged in conduct

that might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on the protected characteristic of being Jewish”.

I wrote back pointing out that the NEC panel had made no such finding against me (Item 4 below). I proposed that the GLU should withdraw this smear, offer an apology, and send an amended Notice of Requirement to Complete Training which reflected the actual decision taken by the NEC. The GLU failed even to acknowledge receipt of my letter, never mind do me the courtesy of a reply.

As it happens, it was a matter of regret to me that I was unable to complete the course, because in February 2022 the *Jewish Chronicle* had reported that the notorious Brick Lane mural was “at the heart of a party-wide antisemitism training programme being run by the new Labour leadership”. This was a subject I had researched in depth and written about. (Antony Lerman's book *Whatever Happened to Antisemitism?* cites and endorses my analysis of the essentially antisemitic character of the mural.) So I would have been interested to see how the training course dealt with this controversy.

Over the next two years, I received repeated instructions from the GLU to complete the training course. Each time I wrote back repeating my request for a retraction of the false accusation of antisemitism. (My letters to the GLU are included in Exhibit 4 of the NCC bundle.) As I pointed out in a letter of 14 March 2023, if I undertook the training course on the basis of the GLU’s April 2022 Notice “it would signify that I accepted the validity of that disgraceful smear”. But the GLU refused to engage with me, and my letters went unanswered.

At no stage did I refuse to complete the course. In the most recent letter, dated 24 February 2024, I wrote:

“I have not yet completed the mandatory training for the reasons I have repeatedly explained in previous correspondence. Namely that the GLU letter of 1 April 2022 falsely claimed that the NEC panel found that I had ‘engaged in conduct that might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on the protected characteristic of being Jewish’. As soon as the Governance and Legal Unit withdraws that defamatory accusation, and submits an amended request to complete training, I will have no objection to doing so.”

The NEC entirely misrepresents this issue.

1. The NEC states that I was required to complete the course “because following an impartial and thorough investigation of the facts, the NEC had come to the conclusion that he had engaged in conduct that might reasonably be seen to demonstrate prejudice or hostility based on the protected characteristic of being Jewish”.

This is simply not true. As I have shown above, and as the 1 April 2022 Notice of Outcome of Investigation (Item 2 below) confirms, the NEC panel who dealt with the case made no such finding.

2. The NEC claims: “Mr Pitt did provide a response to protest at his requirement to complete the training and stated that he would do so once he had received various apologies and retractions from the Labour Party.”

This also misrepresents the facts. I did not protest at the requirement to complete the training, nor did I ask for “various apologies and retractions”. All I asked for was the withdrawal of the false accusation that I had engaged in conduct demonstrating hostility or prejudice based on the protected characteristic of being Jewish. I made it clear that once that had been done I was prepared to complete the training course.

3. The NEC claims that “the Party has exhausted all possible options”. This is obviously not the case. There is a straightforward option that has been available to the Party since the defamatory Notice of Requirement to Complete Training was issued back in April 2022, namely to acknowledge that I had not been found guilty of antisemitism and issue a replacement Notice reflecting the decision made by the NEC panel. That option is still available.

According to the NEC, my conduct “must now be considered as prejudicial and/or grossly detrimental to the Labour Party”. In reality, I have engaged in no action which is detrimental to the Party, grossly or otherwise. All I have done is quite reasonably defend myself against a baseless and defamatory claim that I have been found guilty of antisemitism. I see this as standing up for the principle that members should be treated fairly in disciplinary cases and not subjected to false accusations of racism. Far from being detrimental to the Party, I would argue that it represents an attempt to ensure that the party’s disciplinary procedures are in accordance with natural justice. So the charge is without foundation.

This concludes my response to the NEC’s charge. On that basis, I urge the NCC to reject the NEC’s proposal that I should be expelled from the Party.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Pitt

Evidence

Item 1: Notice of investigation (8 September 2021) p.1

Item 2: Notice of Outcome of Investigation: Formal Warning (1 April 2022) p.17

Item 3: Notice of Requirement to Complete Training (1 April 2022) p.19

Item 4: Response to Notice of Requirement to Complete Training (18 April 2022) p.21

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08 September 2021

Ref: A423795
Case No: CN-2514

Dear Mr Pitt,

Notice of investigation

Allegations that you may have been involved in a breach of Labour Party rules have been brought to the attention of national officers of the Party. These allegations relate to your conduct on social media which may be in breach of Chapter 2, Clause I.8 of the Labour Party Rule Book. It is important that these allegations are investigated, and the NEC will be asked to authorise a full report to be drawn up with recommendations for disciplinary action if appropriate.

We are currently at the investigatory stage of the disputes process and at no time during an investigation does the Labour Party confer an assumption of guilt on any party. You are not currently administratively suspended, and no restrictions have been placed on the rights associated with your membership at this time.

However, the Party reserves the right to invoke its powers under Chapter 6 Clause I.1.B and Chapter 1 Clause VIII.5 to impose an administrative suspension in the future should the alleged misconduct continue or additional allegations of misconduct come to the attention of the Party.

It has also been determined that this case may be suitable for the use of NEC disciplinary powers under Chapter 1 Clause VIII.3.A.iii* and Chapter 6 Clause I.1.B** because it involves an incident which may reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on race, religion and belief.

This means that, upon the conclusion of this investigation, the NEC may impose such disciplinary measures as it sees fit. These measures include suspension from membership of the Party or from holding office in the Party; withholding or withdrawing endorsement as a candidate; and expulsion from membership of the Party.

Attached to this letter is the draft charge(s), the evidence pertinent to the case, and a series of questions which require your response. Upon receipt of your response, and any evidence you intend to rely on in your defence, the Party will be able to conclude this matter as quickly as possible.

Please respond in writing to the London address at the top of this letter or by email to investigations@labour.org.uk quoting case number CN-2514 within 14 days of the date at the top of this letter.

The Party may consider an extension to this deadline if you are able to provide a clear and compelling reason to do so. The Party will also take reasonable steps to ensure that you have been given an opportunity to respond to these allegations. However, if you do not respond, the NEC is entitled to consider your case without a response.

You should take this letter and your response seriously. Possible outcomes of the NEC disciplinary process could include your expulsion or suspension from the Labour Party.

Pitt_bob@yahoo.co.uk is the email address that we will be corresponding with during the course of this investigation. If this email is incorrect please call 0345 092 2299 to update it.

The Labour Party's investigation process operates confidentially. That is vital to ensure fairness to you and the complainant, and to protect the rights of all concerned under the Data Protection Act 2018. We must therefore ask you to ensure that you keep all information and correspondence relating to this investigation private, and that do not share it with third parties or the media (including social media). That includes any information you receive from the Party identifying the name of the person who has made a complaint about you, any witnesses, the allegations against you, and the names of Party staff dealing with the matter. If you fail to do so, the Party reserves the right to take action to protect confidentiality, and you may be liable to disciplinary action for breach of the Party's rules. The Party will not share information about the case publicly unless, as a result of a breach of confidentiality, it becomes necessary to correct inaccurate reports. In that case we will only release the minimum information necessary to make the correction. **The Party may also disclose information in order to comply with its safeguarding obligations.**

The Party would like to make clear that there is support available to you while this matter is being investigated. There are a number of organisations available who can offer support for your wellbeing:

- You can contact your **GP** who can help you access support for your mental health and wellbeing.
- **The Samaritans** are available 24/7 – They offer a safe place for anyone to talk any time they like, in their own way – about whatever's getting to them. Telephone **116 123**.
- **Citizens Advice** - Provide free, confidential and impartial advice. Their goal is to help everyone find a way forward, whatever problem they face. People go to the Citizens Advice Bureau with all sorts of issues. They may have money, benefit, housing or employment problems. They may be facing a crisis, or just considering their options.
<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>
- If you have questions about the investigation process please contact the **Complaints Team**, whose details are included in this letter.

It is hoped you will offer your full co-operation to the Party in resolving this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Complaints Team
The Labour Party

* Where a determination has been made as a result of a case brought under disciplinary proceedings concluded at NEC stage under Chapter 6 Clause I.1.B below of these rules, to impose such disciplinary measures as it thinks fit including: formal warning; reprimand; suspensions from membership of the Party, or from holding office in the Party (including being a candidate or prospective candidate at any, or any specified, level) or being a delegate to any Party body, for a specified period or until the happening a specified event; withholding or withdrawing endorsement as a candidate or prospective candidate at any, or any specified, level (such disciplinary power shall be without prejudice to and shall not in any way affect the NEC's other powers to withhold endorsement under these rules); expulsion from membership of the Party, in which case the NEC may direct that following expiration of a specified period of not less than two nor more than five years, the person concerned may seek readmission to the Party on that basis that Chapter 6.I.2 is not to apply to that readmission; or any other reasonable and proportionate measure. (Chapter 1, Clause VIII.3.A.iii of the Labour Party Rule Book)

** In relation to any alleged breach of Chapter 2 Clause I.8 above by an individual member or members of the Party which involves any incident which in the NEC's view might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on age; disability; gender reassignment or identity; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; or sexual orientation, the NEC may, pending the final outcome of any investigation and charges (if any), suspend that individual or individuals from office or representation of the Party notwithstanding the fact that the individual concerned has been or may be eligible to be selected as a candidate in any election or byelection. The General Secretary or other national officer shall investigate and report to the NEC on such investigation. Upon such report being submitted, the NEC or a sub-panel of Disputes Panel may exercise its powers under Chapter 1 Clause VIII.3.A.iii (Chapter 6, Clause I.1.B of the Labour Party Rule Book)

Please respond to the following questions to the email address outlined in your letter within 14 days of the date on page 1. Your response should include:

- A written statement of representation in your defence to the draft charge(s) below.
- Any evidence you wish to submit in your defence to the draft charge(s) below.
- A written response to the questions contained in this letter.

Your response should be submitted in writing to the Disputes Team by email or by post:

Email:

investigations@labour.org.uk

Post:

Investigations Team
The Labour Party
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Draft Charge

1. Mr Robert Pitt (the Respondent) has engaged in conduct prejudicial and / or grossly detrimental to the Party in breach of Chapter 2, Clause 1.8 of the Labour Party Rule Book by engaging in conduct which:
 - a. may reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on race, religion and belief; and / or
 - b. may reasonably be seen to involve antisemitic actions, stereotypes and sentiments; and / or
 - c. undermines the Party's ability to campaign against racism; and / or
 - d. Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions:
 - i. Item 1. On 03 October 2017, Mr Pitt posted on Facebook post and a link to the story on 04 October 2017 in relation the expulsion of Moshe Machover.
 - ii. Item 2. On 27 December 2017, Mr Pitt posted on Facebook a post picture with a picture saying "A Jew is a crook"
 - iii. Item 3. On 25 January 2018, Mr Pitt posted on Facebook a link for a campaign demanding Labour must drop charges against anti-racist campaigner.
 - iv. Item 4. On 17 May 2018, Mr Pitt posted on Facebook a post and link to an article he had written, the post talks about labours defeat and how it was attributed to the Jewish voters protesting against the party's supposed toleration of anti-Semitism.
 - v. Item 5. On 31 May 2018, Mr Pitt posted on Facebook a link to an article he had written. In the post he stated the article was on the witch hunt over anti-Semitism in the labour party.

- vi. Item 6. On 22 August 2018, Mr Pitt posted on Facebook a post and link to an article he had written with the headline "Israel as a racist endeavour – how the IHRA is used to suppress free speech".
- vii. Item 7. On 19 February 2019, Mr Pitt posted on Facebook a post and link about "Zionist malcontents like Adam Langleben".
- viii. Item 8. On 19 March 2019, Mr Pitt posted on Facebook about the JLM AGM and that Adam Langleben was standing for re-election as JLM campaign manager. You state that he has said he would do his best to "stop a party led by anti-Semitism from every gaining power in this country". You claim that JLM are appointing someone who will campaign against the labour party.
- ix. Item 9. On 21 March 2019, Mr Pitt posted on Facebook a link to an article you have written with the headline. Has the Labour left subjected Luciana Berger to death threats?
- x. Item 10. On 22 March 2019, Mr Pitt posted on Facebook about JLM AGM and the rules they would like to see about complaints about anti-Semitism.
- xi. Item 11. On 31 March 2019, Mr Pitt posted on Facebook about the Jewish Chronicle is biased about its reporting on anti-Semitism and that it had outdone itself in regard to an article about Ken Livingstone.
- xii. Item 12. On 29 May 2019, Mr Pitt posted on Facebook a link to an article that you have written about what happened to Adam Langleben. You have also stated the JLM have riding a publicity wave over their role into n EHCR investigation into the labour party.
- xiii. Item 13, On 26 September 2019, Mr Pitt published an article on medium.com. The article is titled more anti-Semitism hysteria at the Labour conference. It contains a picture of a poster of a fighter plane with the Star of David on it firing missiles at Jeremy Corbyn.

Please respond to these questions to the email address outlined in your letter within 14 days of the date on page 1.

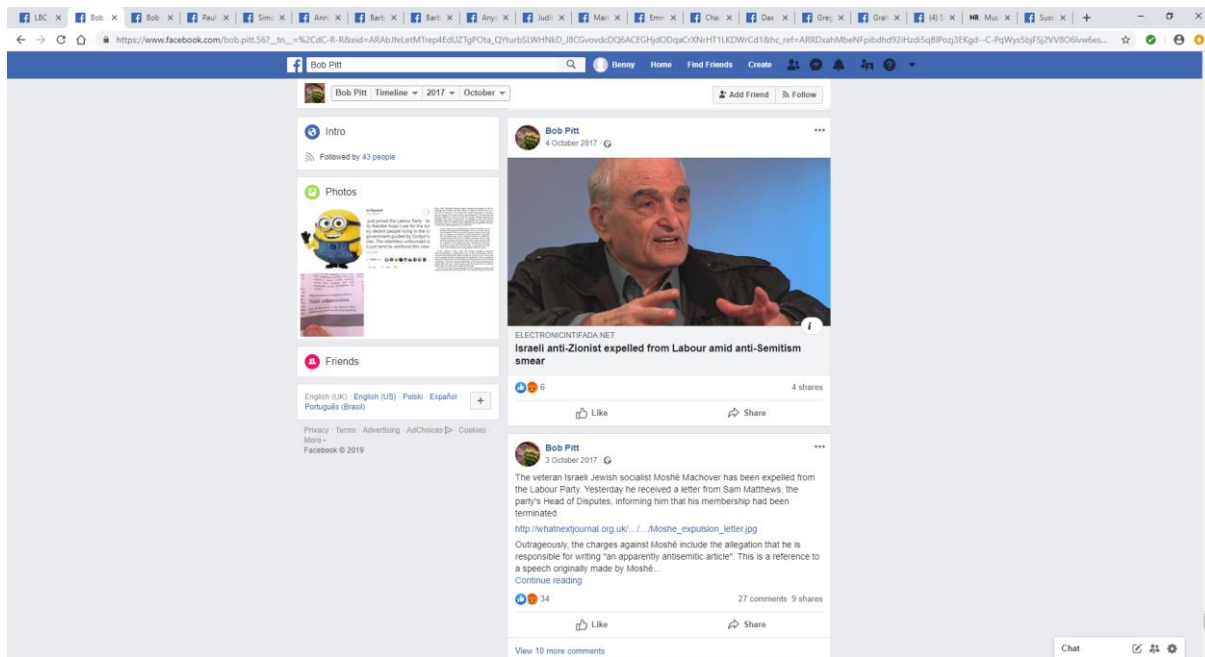
- 1) Please see the evidence attached overleaf. The Party has reason to believe that these posts were sent from your Facebook account. Can you confirm this is the case?
- 2) Taking each item in turn, please explain your reasons for social media posts, Items 1-13?
- 3) Taking each item in turn, please explain your reasons for posting, sharing or endorsing each numbered item of evidence included in this pack?
- 4) Chapter 2, Clause 1.8 of the Labour Party Rule Book provides:

"No member of the Party shall engage in conduct which in the opinion of the NEC is prejudicial, or in any act which in the opinion of the NEC is grossly detrimental to the Party. The NEC and NCC shall take account of any codes of conduct currently in force and shall regard any incident which in their view might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on age; disability; gender reassignment or identity; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; or sexual orientation as conduct prejudicial to the Party: these shall include but not be limited to incidents involving racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia or otherwise racist language, sentiments, stereotypes or actions, sexual harassment, bullying or any form of intimidation towards another person on the basis of a protected characteristic as determined by the NEC, wherever it occurs, as conduct prejudicial to the Party. The disclosure of confidential information relating to the Party or to any other member, unless the disclosure is duly authorised or made pursuant to a legal obligation, shall also be considered conduct prejudicial to the Party."

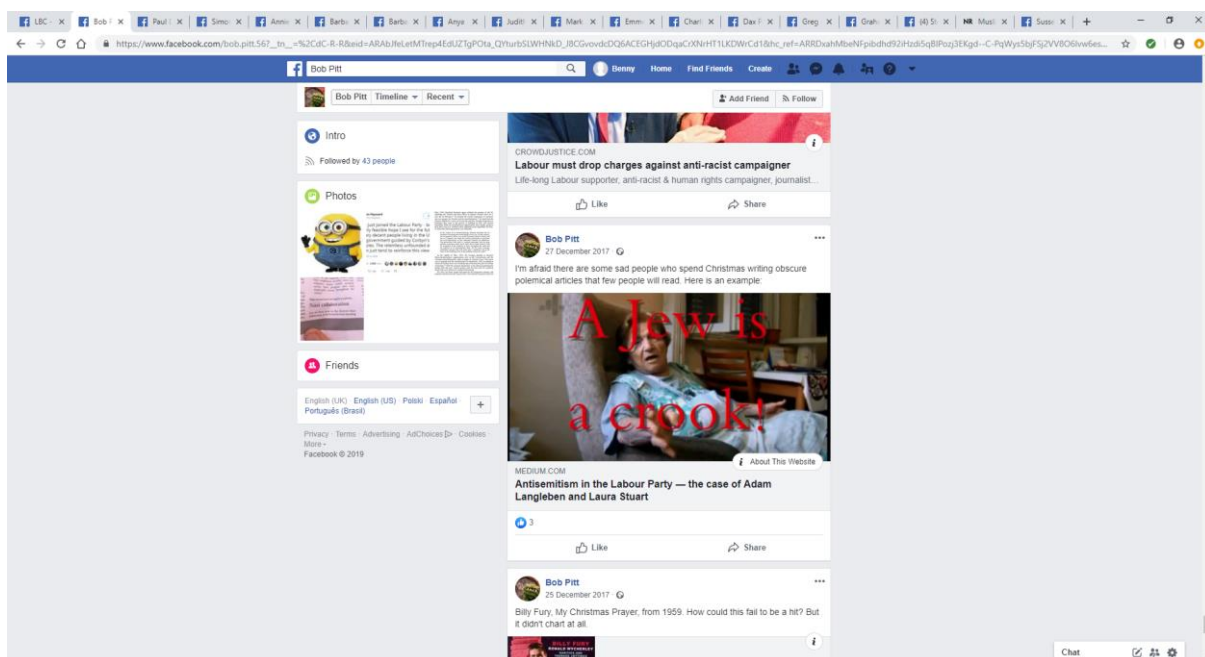
What is your response to the allegation that your conduct may be or have been in breach of this rule?

- 5) The Code of Conduct: Social Media Policy states that members should *"treat all people with dignity and respect"* and that *"this applies offline and online."* Do you think your conduct has been consistent with this policy?
- 6) Looking back at the evidence supplied with this letter, do you regret posting, sharing or endorsing?
- 7) Do you intend to email, post, share or endorse content of this nature in the future?
- 8) Are there any further matters you wish to raise in your defence?
- 9) Is there any evidence you wish to submit in your defence?

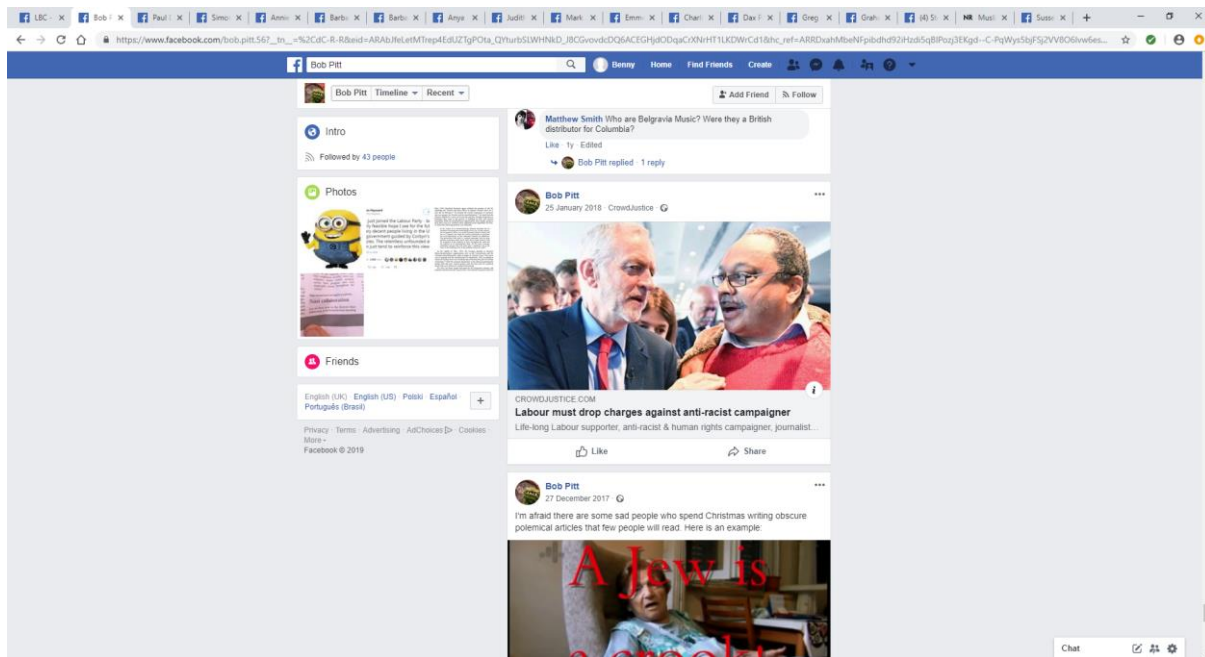
Item 1 – Facebook post from 03 October 2017



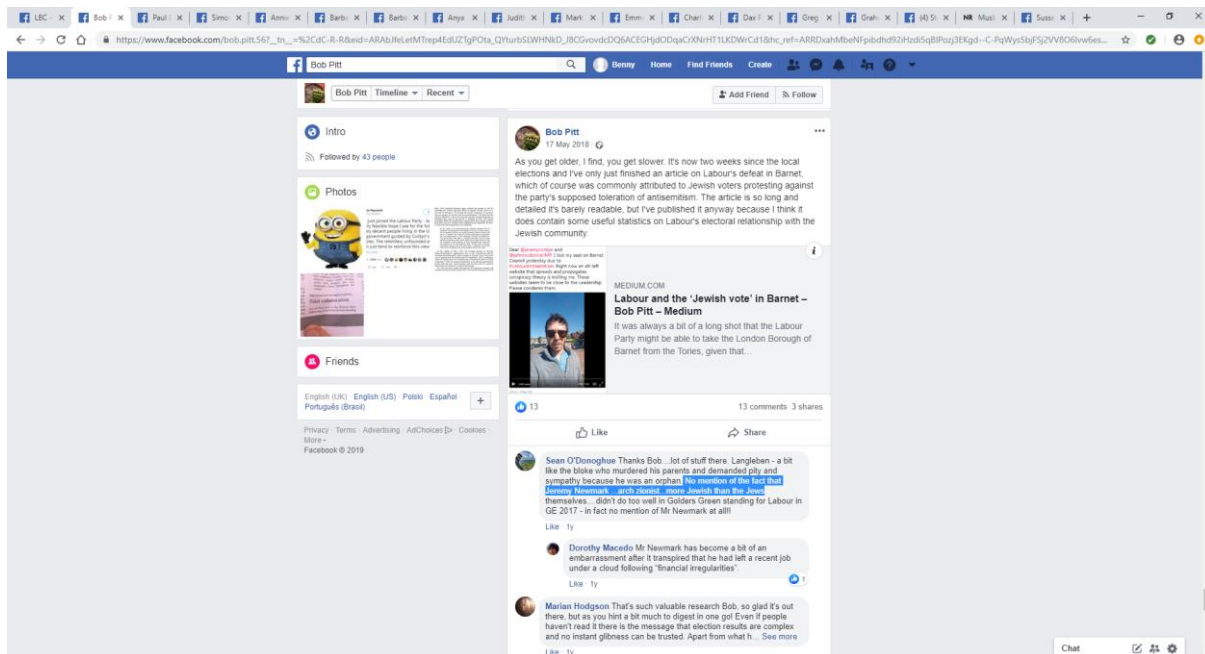
Item 2 – Facebook post from 27 December 2017

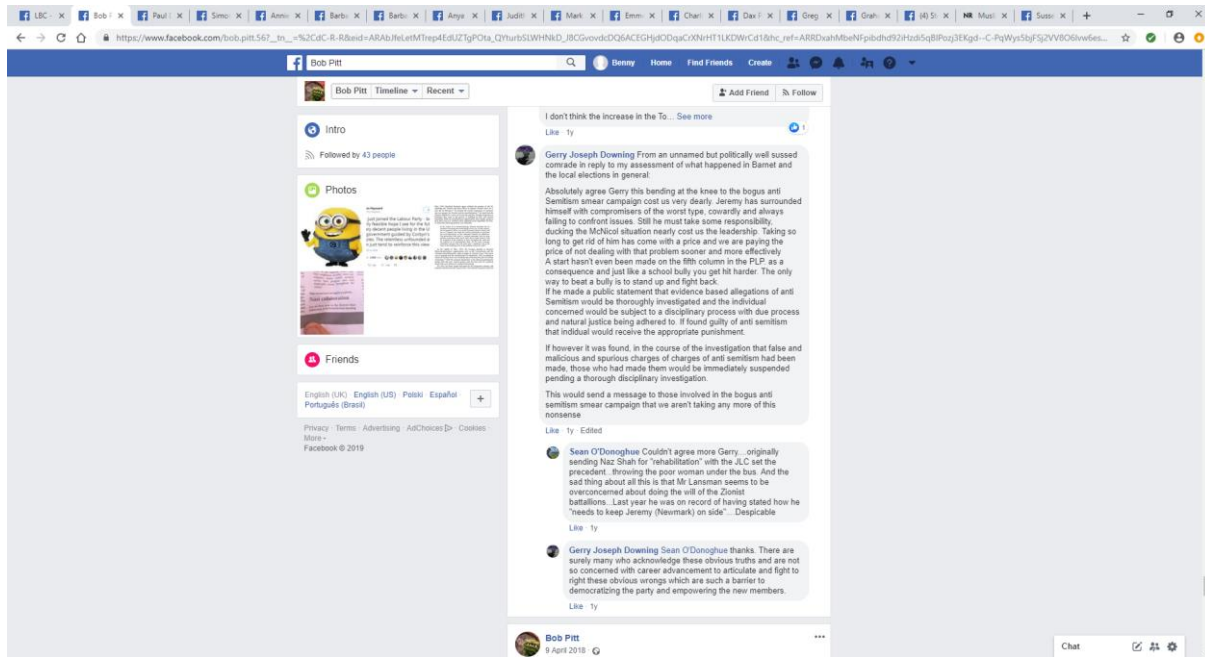


Item 3 – Facebook post from 25 January 2018

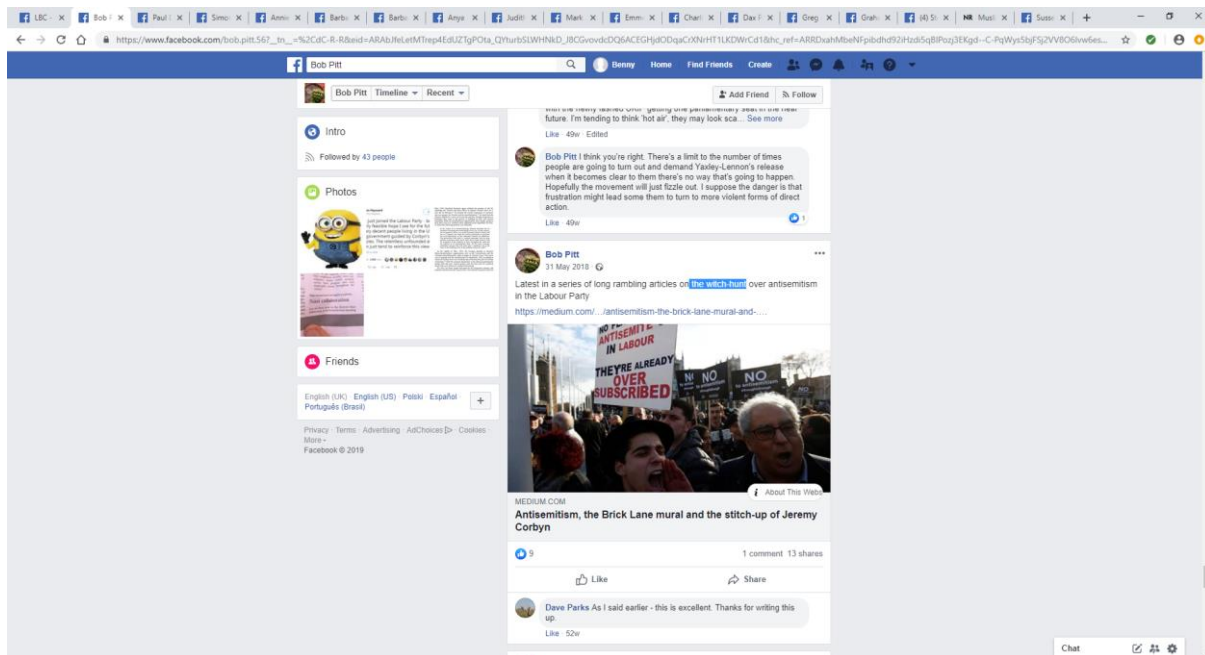


Item 4 – Facebook post from 17 May 2018





Item 5 – Facebook post from 31 May 2018



Item 6 – Facebook Post from 22 August 2018

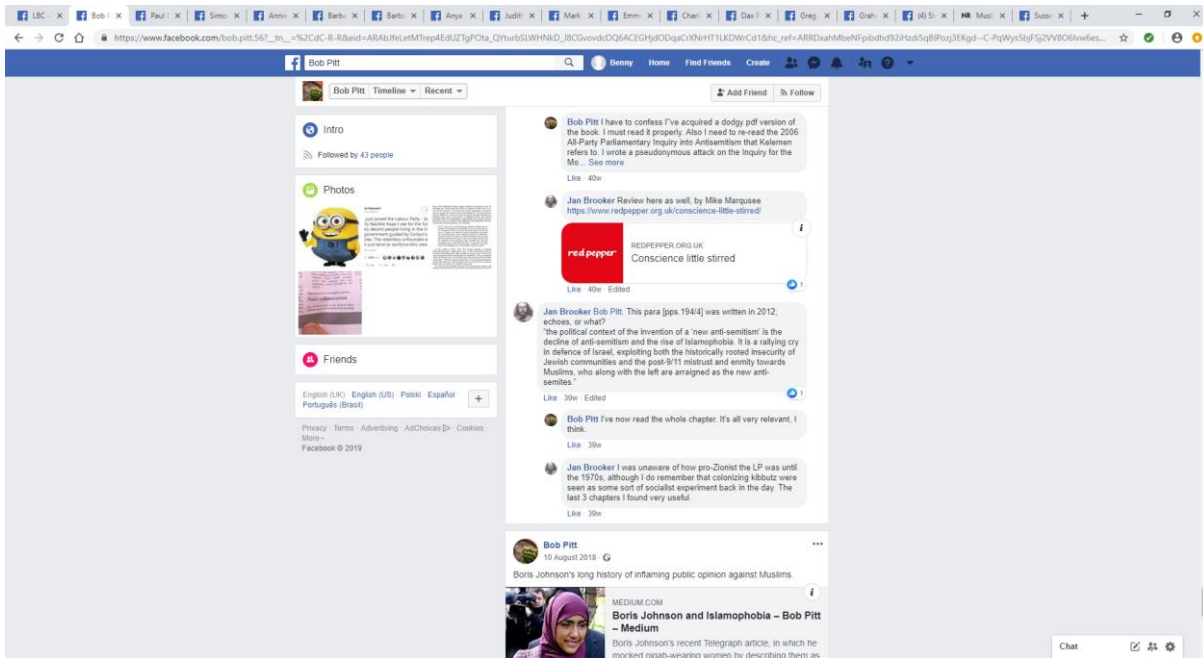
The image displays two screenshots of a Facebook post by Bob Pitt, dated 22 August 2018. The post's main text reads: "According to Medium this is a 15-minute read. (Just imagine how long it took to research and write the thing.) I'm not sure I'd encourage anyone to spend a quarter of an hour of their time on it, but it might be worth dipping into for some facts and statistics." Below this text is a link to a Medium article titled "Israel as a 'racist endeavour' — how the IHRA is used to suppress free speech". The article snippet states: "The future over the wave of antisemitism that has supposedly engulfed the Labour Party under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership continues to..."

The first screenshot shows the initial post and the first comment from Marian Hodgson: "I'm working through it one paragraph at a time starting with the last paragraph and your conclusion I agree with. I must admit I'd been looking at it more from the angle of the CAA lobbying and what they are trying to achieve for their organisation. Good read anyway and thanks." Bob Pitt replies: "Cheers Marian".

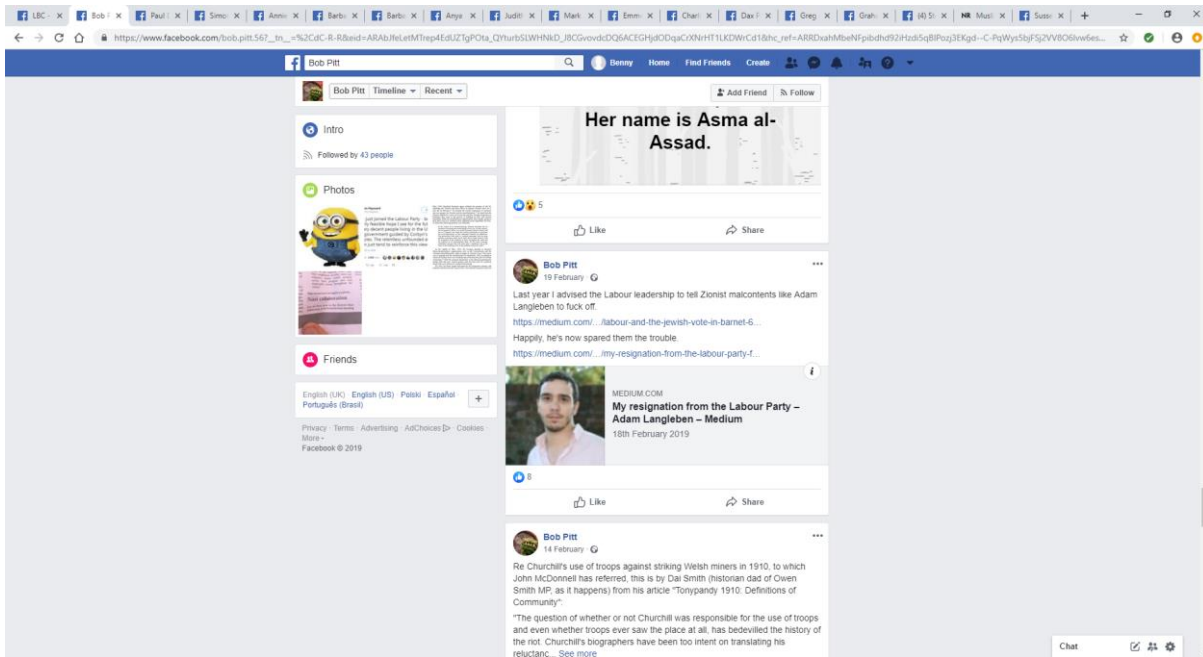
The second screenshot shows further comments and replies. Dorothy Macedo comments: "This is all we need to know" and shares a red graphic with white text that reads: "Jewish newspapers aimed that: Had the full IHRA definition with examples relating to Israel been approved, hundreds, if not thousands, of Labour and Momentum members would need to be expelled." Bob Pitt replies: "I did quote that Dorothy. It's towards the end of the article somewhere." Jackie Walker comments: "Good article but with no mention of the part played by Lansman and Momentum Bob - why?" Bob Pitt replies: "The article did originally have a reference to Lansman, Jackie - about how he'd described the disciplinary code as the 'gold standard' and then done a U-turn in the face of an onslaught by the Zionist establishment. But I left it out because I don't have any information on how the other Momentum-backed members of the NEC will vote. So it's not clear what impact Lansman's personal view will have on the decision. It's not that I have anything other than contempt for Lansman's behaviour." Bob Pitt then replies: "On reflection, I think you're right, Jackie. So I've amended the article to include a reference to Lansman." Jan Brooker Blast comments: "...downloaded, edited and printed off article before, to read later! What did you add in [and where]?" Bob Pitt replies: "I just added a sentence in the third-last paragraph that says 'Momentum's Jon Lansman, who had originally acclaimed..."

The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook conversation thread on the profile of Bob Pitt. The thread consists of several messages and replies. The messages are as follows:

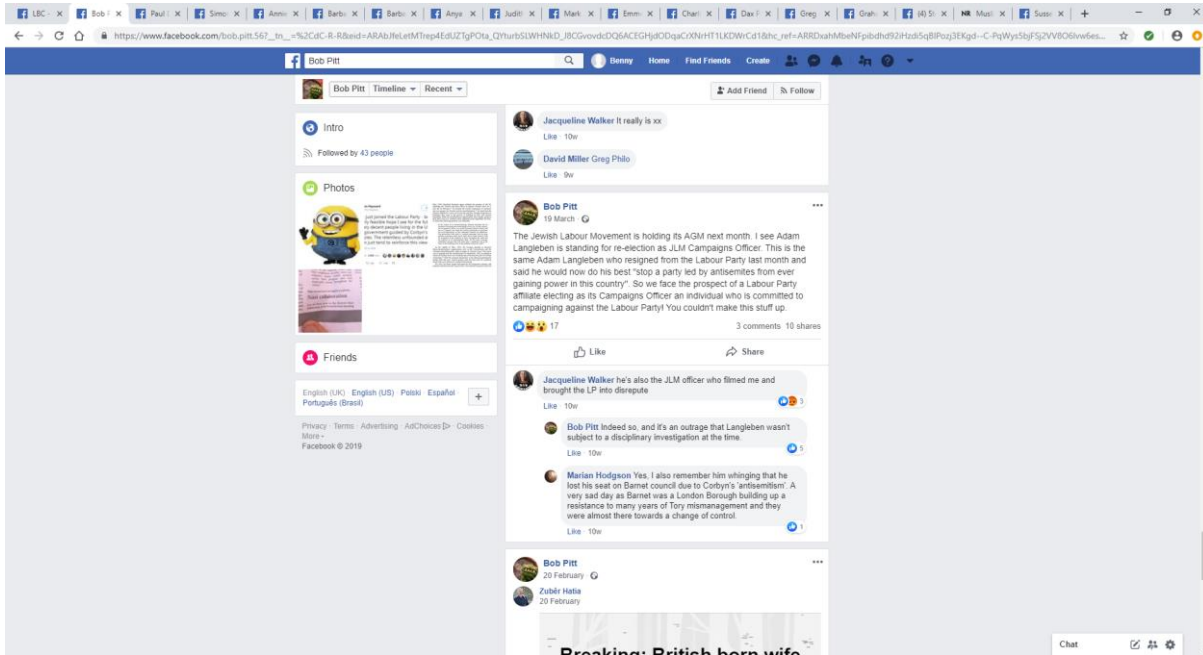
- Message 1:** "Lansman's personal view will have on the decision. It's not that I have anything other than contempt for Lansman's behaviour." (Like: 40w)
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- Message 2:** "Jan Brooker Blast downloaded, edited and printed off article before, to read later! What did you add in [and where]?" (Like: 40w Edited)
- Reply 2:** "Bob Pitt I just added a sentence in the third-last paragraph that says 'Momentum's Jon Lansman, who had originally acclaimed the code as the new gold standard', has been lobbying for the party to adopt the IHRA document in its entirety, including all the examples". (Like: 40w)
- Message 3:** "Jan Brooker Thanks." (Like: 40w)
- Message 4:** "Steve Cooke I think you may have unwittingly redrafted the code there. 'The IHRA working examples are a 15-minute read. I'm not sure I'd encourage anyone to spend a quarter of an hour of their time on it, but it might be worth dipping into for some facts and statistics.'" (Like: 40w)
- Message 5:** "Jan Brooker I was interested to read this, via-a-vis the wreath nonsense 'It could teach people one thing about public opinion it would be how little most of the political soap-opera actually matters... The row over Jeremy Corbyn and whether or not he laid a... See more'" (Like: 40w Edited)
- Reply 5:** "Bob Pitt Yes, that's interesting, isn't it? Mind you, the media furore over the wreath-laying only went on for a few days, so perhaps it's understandable that many people weren't aware of the details. The antisemitism accusations have been going on for ages, eh... See more" (Like: 40w)
- Message 6:** "Jan Brooker I'm in the middle of reading: Paul Katerman's 'The British Left and Zionism: History of a Divorce' (Manchester Univ Press, 2012), i.e. before Jeremy Corbyn was elected as Leader of the LP, the pro-Israel lobby was making the same points as it is now [which... See more" (Like: 40w Edited)
- Message 7:** "national of social ISU ORG UK The contested history of the left and Zionism – International Socialism" (Like: 40w Edited)
- Message 8:** "Bob Pitt I have to confess I've acquired a dodgy pdf version of the book. I must read it properly. Also I need to re-read the 2006 All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Antisemitism that Katerman refers to. I wrote a pseudonymous attack on the Inquiry for the Mo... See more" (Like: 40w)
- Message 9:** "Jan Brooker Review here as well by Mike Marguesee https://www.redpepper.org.uk/conscience-little-stirred/" (Like: 40w Edited)
- Message 10:** "red pepper REDPEPPER ORG UK Conscience little stirred" (Like: 40w Edited)
- Message 11:** "Jan Brooker Bob Pitt: This para [pps 194/4] was written in 2012, echoes, or what? 'The political context of the invention of a new anti-semitism' is the decline of anti-semitism and the rise of Islamophobia. It is a sad irony" (Like: 40w Edited)



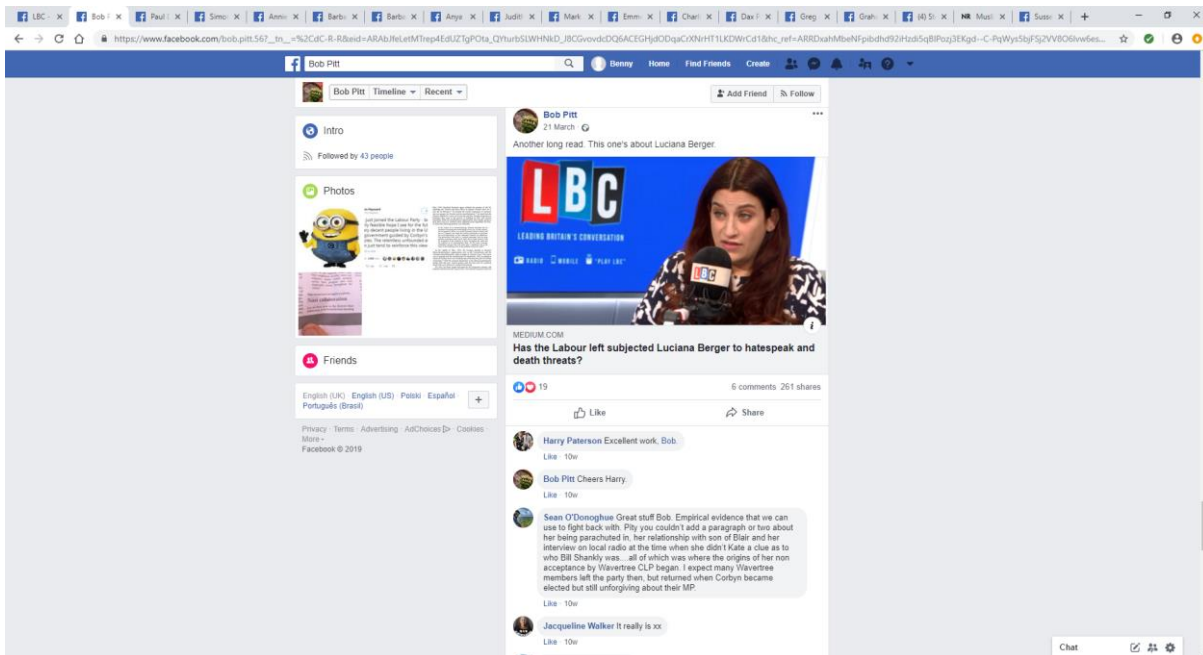
Item 7 – Facebook post 19 February 2019



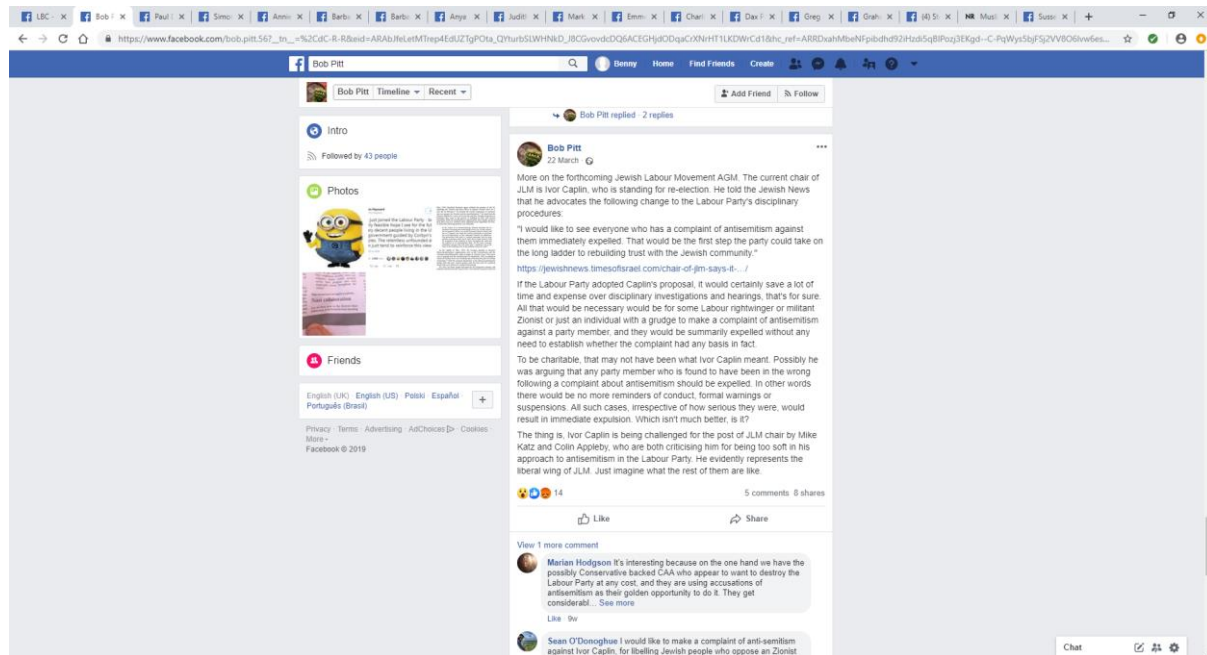
Item 8 – Facebook post 19 March 2019



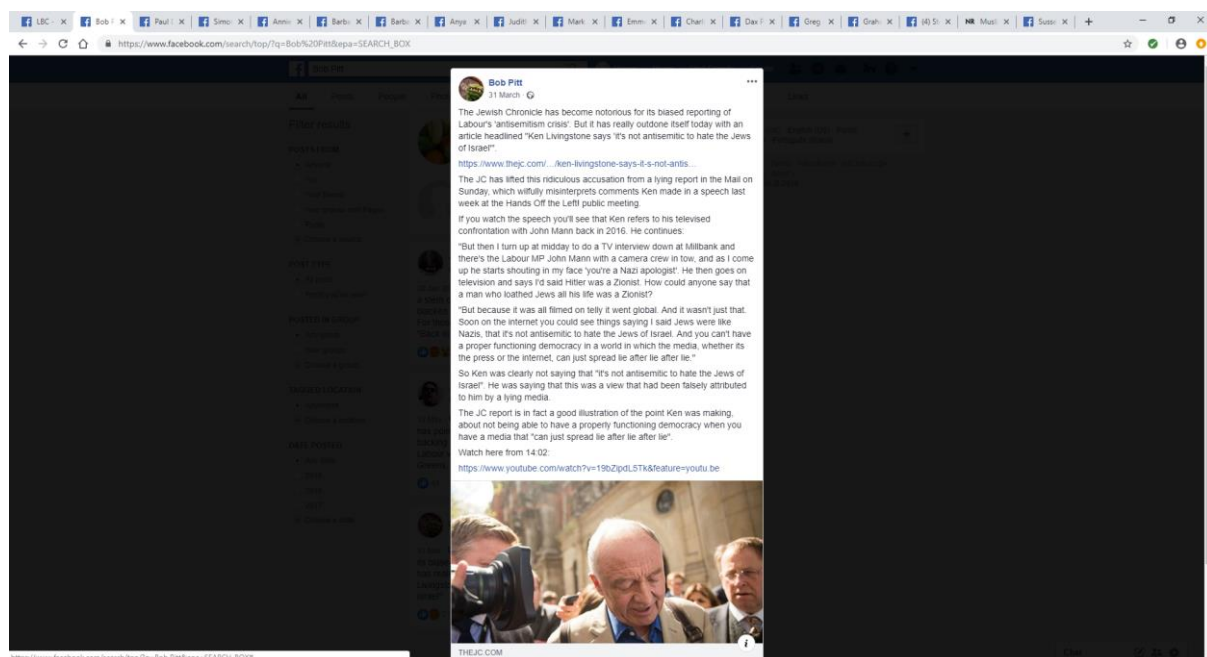
Item 9 – Facebook post from 21 March 2019



Item 10 – Facebook post from 22 March 2019



Item 11 – Facebook post from 31 March 2019



Item 12 – Facebook post from 29 May 2019

The image shows two screenshots of a Facebook post by Bob Pitt, dated 29 May 2019. The post discusses the removal of Adam Langbein from the Labour Party and the Jewish Labour Movement (JLM).

Post Text:
 What happened to Adam Langbein? That's the question everyone is asking. Well, not everyone exactly. Just me at the moment. But the apparent removal of Langbein as campaigns officer for the Jewish Labour Movement, which is currently riding a wave of publicity over its role in provoking an EHRIC investigation into the Labour Party, has yet to be explained.

Comments:

- Matthew Smith:** Perhaps they just got wise to the fact that they couldn't continue defying party rules and told him he had to go? (1d)
- Bob Pitt:** I suppose it's possible JLM expelled him, or forced him to resign. But I doubt it. I suspect Langbein's still actively involved in JLM. But his name's been pulled from their website. (1d)
- Alex Winstanley:** How interesting! (20h)

Second Screenshot Comments:

- Alex Gutteridge:** How interesting (9v)
- Marian Hodgson:** It's interesting because on the one hand we have the possibly Conservative backed CAA who appear to want to destroy the Labour Party at any cost, and they are using accusations of antisemitism as their golden opportunity to do it. They get considerable... See more (9v)
- Sean O'Donoghue:** I would like to make a complaint of anti-semitism against Ivor Caplin, for labelling Jewish people who oppose an Zionist state (9v)
- Mandy Parry:** Corbyn would be gone in a second then. Convenient for them. (9v)
- Alan Maddison:** I think we should remember that 30% of the population endorse antisemitic tropes but the majority without dislike towards Jews, just out of ignorance. It would not take much for JLM/CAA to target those who support Palestinian rights. I mean this is what it's all about, and get rid of tens of thousands of critics of Israeli violations and crimes. (9v)

Bob Pitt (21 March): Another long read. This one's about Luctana Berger.

Item 13 – Article published 26 September 2019 written by Bob Pitt

https://medium.com/@pitt_bob/more-antisemitism-hysteria-at-labour-party-conference-372bb75a6a41



[More antisemitism hysteria at Labour Party conference by Bob Pitt | Medium](#)

Last weekend the hysteria over Labour antisemitism reached new heights with physical attacks on a pro-Palestinian banner displayed outside the Labour Party conference in Brighton. The banner ...
medium.com

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01 April 2022

Ref: A423795
Case No: CN-2514

Dear Mr Pitt,

Notice of Outcome of Investigation: Formal Warning

We are writing to inform you that the Labour Party (**the Party**) has concluded its investigation into the allegation that you had breached Chapter 2, Clause I.11 of the Party's Rule Book (**the Rules**).¹

A panel of the National Executive Committee (**the NEC Panel**) met on 30 March 2022 and considered all of the evidence that the Party put to you and any evidence submitted by you in response.

Summary of the Findings of the NEC Panel

The NEC Panel found, on the balance of probabilities, that you posted two comments about antisemitism "witch-hunts" and "hysteria" on 31 May 2018 and 26 September 2019 and wrote that Adam Langleben should "fuck off" on 19 February 2019.

The NEC Panel concluded that your conduct was in breach of Chapter 2 Clause I.11 of the Rules. In particular, your conduct undermined the Labour Party's ability to campaign against racism and was personally abusive. In coming to this conclusion, the NEC Panel considered that your conduct contravened the provisions of the Code of Conduct: Antisemitism and other forms of racism; and the Code of Conduct: Social Media Policy.

Taking into account all relevant evidence the NEC Panel concluded that the appropriate outcome is to issue you with this Formal Warning pursuant to Chapter 2, Clause I.1.D.iii of the Rules.

The NEC Panel wishes to make clear that your conduct has fallen short of the high standards expected of Party members and to remind you of the importance of behaving consistently with the Rules and Codes of Conduct at all times.

This Formal Warning will remain on your Labour Party membership record for a period of 18 Months. If you commit any further breach of the Rules during that period, an NEC Panel may take this Reminder of Conduct and the behaviour that led to it into account in dealing with that breach.

Consequently, any restrictions that the Party may have imposed on your membership rights

¹ <https://labour.org.uk/rulebook>

pending the outcome of this investigation have now ended. This includes any administrative suspension of your membership that may have been in place.

Conduct Expected of Labour Party Members

The Party expects you, in common with all members, to engage in civil, measured discourse, online and offline.

It also expect members to conduct themselves in a manner that avoids any discrimination or harassment on grounds of race, religion or any other protected characteristic inside the party and in wider society and support, and not to undermine, the Labour Party's ability to campaign against all forms of racism and prejudice.

Members of the Party agree not to engage in any conduct that is prejudicial or grossly detrimental to the Labour Party. This includes any conduct that demonstrates hostility or prejudice based on a protected characteristic; sexual harassment; bullying or intimidation; and unauthorised disclosure of confidential information.

Members must also comply with the provisions of the NEC's Codes of Conduct, which are publicly available online here: <https://labour.org.uk/members/my-welfare/my-rights-and-responsibilities/>

The Party urges you to read the NEC's Codes of Conduct carefully and bear them in mind whenever you are involved in Labour Party activities and in discussion and debate, online and offline, about political issues and ideas.

Requirement to Complete Training

In accordance with Chapter 6, Clause I.1.F the Rules, the Party expects you to complete an online, e-learning module. We will provide the details of how to access and complete this training in due course in a separate email.

Yours sincerely,

Disputes Team

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01 April 2022

Ref: A423795

Dear Mr Pitt,

Notice of Requirement to Complete Training

We are writing to inform you that you are required to complete a training course because a panel of the National Executive Committee (the **NEC Panel**) found that you had engaged in conduct that might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on the protected characteristic of being Jewish.

You have been enrolled on a module on the Labour Party's e-learning platform, Achieve. You must complete this training within 4 weeks of the date at the top of the letter.¹ For avoidance of doubt, you must complete this training by 17.30 on 29 April 2022.

You may log into Achieve by clicking on the following link or typing it into your browser:
<https://achieve.labour.org.uk/>

If you require more time to complete this training, please email sanctions_training@labour.org.uk setting out the reasons for this. We will assess your request and inform you whether it has been accepted or rejected.

If you have any technical issues accessing the e-learning module, please email sanctions_training@labour.org.uk and a member of staff will try to assist you.

If you fail to complete this training by 29 April 2022 you shall be and remain suspended from membership of the Labour Party until such time as the training has been completed. You may also be subject to further disciplinary action.

Yours sincerely,

The Governance and Legal Unit
The Labour Party

ⁱ Chapter 6, Clause I.1.F of the Labour Party Rule Book as amended by the 2021 Annual Conference (the **Rules**) provides:

“The NEC may require any member against whom a disciplinary sanction or warning is imposed to complete a course of equality and diversity training in accordance with this sub-clause [...] The NEC may require members to complete any training under Chapter 6.I.1.F within a specified period of time or by a certain date (‘the Specified Period’). The NEC may suspend any member who fails to complete such training within the Specified Period in which case that member shall only be suspended from the day after the expiry of the Specified Period until the day on which the Party receives evidence confirming the completion of the training.”

Item 4

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18 April 2022

Dear Governance and Legal Unit,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Notice of Requirement to Complete Training, dated 1 April (ref: A423795).

You claim that an NEC panel found that I had “engaged in conduct that might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on the protected characteristic of being Jewish”.

The NEC made no such finding. How could they? I have never in my life demonstrated prejudice or hostility towards anyone on the basis of their Jewish identity. On the contrary, I have an established record of opposing antisemitism, including inside the Labour Party.

The NEC in fact found against me on the basis of three comments I had made on social media. It was held that these comments amounted to conduct that “undermined the Labour Party’s ability to campaign against racism and was personally abusive”.

I was said to have contravened the Code of Conduct: Antisemitism and other forms of racism by using the words “witch-hunt” and “hysteria” in relation to the campaign against antisemitism in the Labour Party.

The section of the Code of Conduct I was found to have breached was obviously the one that states “behaviour or use of language which ... undermines Labour’s ability to campaign against any form of racism, is unacceptable conduct”.

There was no suggestion that my use of the terms “witch-hunt” and “hysteria” was motivated by, or expressed, hostility or prejudice towards Jewish people.

The third offence was that I told Adam Langleben to “fuck off”. (I was in fact quoting his own words back at him.) This was held to be in breach the Code of Conduct: Social Media Policy, which prohibits “abusive behaviour”.

Again, there was no suggestion that my comment was motivated by, or expressed, hostility or prejudice towards Langleben on the basis of his Jewish identity.

If I had indeed been guilty of “conduct that might reasonably be seen to demonstrate hostility or prejudice based on the protected characteristic of being Jewish” the NEC would have expelled me, or at the very least imposed an extended period of suspension, and rightly so. As it was, I received just a formal warning.

As you might expect, I disagreed with the NEC’s findings against me. I was, however, pleased that it rejected most of the absurd list of charges that the GLU Disputes Team had concocted by copying-and-pasting a lot of illiterate gibberish from the notorious crank and serial complainant Ben Santhouse.

Instead of accepting that you got it wrong, the GLU has decided to misrepresent the NEC's decision and raise a false accusation of antisemitism against me.

What I propose is: (1) that you withdraw the 1 April notice; (2) that you retract the accusation of antisemitism, and apologise for smearing me; and (3) that you send another notice amended so it reflects the actual decision made by the NEC.

After I receive your apology and the revised notice I will of course be prepared to consider the request to sign up to the training course.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Pitt