

“This Council recognises the brave and determined campaign by the Indian Farmers and their families to stand up for their rights against the Indian Government’s agricultural reforms.

Watford Council condemns the violence being directed against farmers and their families who are protesting peacefully.

Such acts must stop with immediate effect.

We recognise the importance of protesting as a fundamental part of any democracy, and aggression towards peaceful protestors or their allies goes against the basics of a democratic society.

**Council believes that use of physical force against individuals protesting peacefully is inhumane and unacceptable.**

There are over 500,000 people in Britain who have settled here whose families originally came from the Punjab area of India and many have families settled in and around Watford.

**This Council calls on the Mayor to raise our concerns about the physical restrictions on farmers in India engaged in peaceful demonstrations over introduction of new laws with the High Commission of India and the Foreign Office and to seek assurances that farmers in the affected areas will be allowed to demonstrate against the proposed changes in a peaceful manner.**

**Council further resolves to speak up for the Right to Peaceful Protest as defined by the European Convention of Human Rights whenever it affects Watford residents or their families whether in the UK or elsewhere in the world.**