

Following the recent events that have taken place in America, it is clear that the scourge of racism still haunts our society. According to the Office of National Statistics racist hate crime in the UK has increased by 11% in the last year. It is simply not good enough for us to turn a blind eye.

This Council declares itself an anti-racist council and resolves to:

Stand in solidarity with the American protesters and the whole BME community throughout the world

Challenge Racism and Inequality at every opportunity

Commit to openly talking about racism within our community, as racism thrives in the company of silence.

Make Belper an anti-racist town through education and community engagement

Work with the BME Community and listen to the those who have suffered racism and bigotry

Work with Trade Unions, other Local Authorities and community groups to tackle racism and the causes of racism.

Work with the Police and Local Law Enforcement to ensure a no tolerance policy is taken on all hate crime - including hate speech.