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Dear Hamish

On Tuesday, 28th April 2026, I was contacted by a constituent who wanted to highlight the increasingly threatening language being directed towards Iranians in the UK. A message on the website of the Iranian Embassy in London directed UK-based Iranians to register their support for the government of Iran. The wording explicitly promoted the idea of self-sacrifice or martyrdom in the defence of the homeland, urging individuals to be prepared to give their lives rather than see the country “handed to the enemy”.

I immediately passed these concerns to the Foreign Office, via Jessica Toale MP, and was pleased to receive an email response later that day to the effect that the Iranian ambassador had been summoned by you to explain the messages.

Following the appalling attacks on members of the Jewish community over the last few weeks, including the knife attacks in north London yesterday which have been explicitly linked to the Iranian regime, I must ask you what more the Foreign Office are doing to protect British citizens, particularly those in the Jewish and Iranian communities from the escalating threat of Iranian terrorism?

Along with Liberal Democrat colleagues, I have repeatedly called for the proscription of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, including at Prime Minister’s Questions on 30th January this year. The government, in line with the preceding Conservative administration, has always resisted. But I must ask you what possible reason there could be for any further delay? There can be no further doubt that the Iranian government, via the IRGC, is a clear and present danger to British citizens and our response must be stepped up as a matter of urgency.

I know that the government has declined to join Trump’s war in the Middle East, and the Liberal Democrats have supported that decision from the outset. But the government remains responsible for protecting British citizens from the consequences of that conflict, and it must do more to counter the threat.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Olney".

Sarah Olney
Member of Parliament for Richmond Park