

Dear Nat,

Thank you for your email. The answers to your questions are below, followed by a little more information on Green Party policy on this issue.

1) Given that Israel has continued to expand settlements on occupied Palestinian land in the West Bank and East Jerusalem in defiance of international law and international opinion, do you think the UK should ban the import of settlement goods into the UK?

Yes

2) Do you agree that Israel's blockade of Gaza imposed since 2007 should be lifted immediately?

Yes

3) Do you agree that the government should enforce its own arms export licensing criteria and stop supplying arms to Israel until it ceases its violations of international law?

Yes

4) Numerous reports have highlighted the mistreatment of Palestinian child prisoners in Israeli military detention. Do you agree that any child prisoner should be treated in accordance with international law and not Israeli military law?

Yes

5) Do you agree that future UK trade deals should include a strong human rights clause, and that any trade agreement with Israel should be conditional upon the respect of international law and human rights?

Yes

The Green Party calls on Israel to evacuate the illegal settlements within the occupied territories of Palestine.

We call on the government of Israel to dismantle the 'settlement wall' in those territories, which has been condemned by the International Court, which divides Palestinian territories, and which deprives them of land, water, other resources and employment. The discrimination against Palestinians practiced by the Israeli government and settlers in the occupied territories needs to be addressed as a first step.

The Green Party believes that all Israelis, Palestinians, and their families should have and be able to exercise full human and civil rights throughout Israel, Palestine and the occupied territories in Palestine. Israel must be subject to the Geneva Convention concerning the rights of individuals and communities, in the same way that other states are. The resort to 'collective punishment' in defiance of those requirements is

unacceptable.

The Green Party calls on the democratically elected representatives of the Palestinian people to recognise the right of the state of Israel to exist within recognised, agreed and secure borders.

The Green Party calls on the Israeli Government and the democratically elected representatives of the Palestinian people both to commit to replacement of military force with agreement through diplomacy as a means of resolution.

We support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign. In particular, the UK government should halt all joint Israeli/UK military cooperation and approval for all arms sales to Israel.