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Police**

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Ms L Murton
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By post and email

Date: 10 October 2025

Dear Ms Murton,

Proposed Proceedings: R (on the application of Laura Murton) v Chief Constable of Kent Police

Apology on behalf of the Chief Constable of Kent Police

I write on behalf of the Chief Constable of Kent Police in relation to the conduct of Kent Police towards you on 14 July 2025.

I have considered the letter of claim sent on behalf of your solicitors, Bhatt Murphy, dated 8 August 2025 and in response the Chief Constable admits that the decisions on 14 July 2025 to detain you, threaten you with arrest and prohibit you from engaging in a lawful protest in purported reliance upon the Terrorism Act amounted to breach of your rights under Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights ('ECHR') and breach of your common law rights to free speech. These decisions were also in breach of national Counter Terrorism Policing Guidance on the proscription of Palestine Action which had been disseminated to Kent Police officers on 4 July 2025.

The Chief Constable further admits that your detention by Kent Police on 14 July 2025 was unlawful in that it amounted to a false imprisonment.

The Chief Constable further admits that the processing of your data concerning the events of 14 July 2025 was unlawful in breach of s.35(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 8 ECHR.

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in large print on request

The Chief Constable has directed that your data processed by Kent Police as a result of the incident on 14 July 2025 must be deleted from all its databases and will provide written confirmation once the process of deletion has been completed. This data has not been shared with any third parties outside Kent Police and will not be shared with any third parties.

The Chief Constable apologises for any distress you may have suffered as a result of this incident and confirms that any materially similar protest to that which you undertook on 14 July 2025 would not give rise to any grounds to suspect an offence under the Terrorism Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

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Senior Lawyer