

Thank you for emailing me on what is a highly sensitive subject for many and one that is close to my heart. In response to your questions I would firstly like to give you my responses to your questions before giving a little more clarification on what is both mine and the Green Party's position on Israel and Palestine.

Q1. To be clear, I do not support the import of goods from illegal settlements on Palestinian land. There are challenges in establishing the origin of goods. To put in place policy that doesn't unfairly punish the Palestinian people would need some clarification. I do on the whole support your position on this question.

Q2. Yes

Q3. Yes. This was in our 2015 Manifesto and remains Green Party policy.

Q4. Yes. 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.

Q5. Yes. Caroline Lucas has called for suspension of the EU-Israel Association Agreement, which has a human rights clause. We believe that the UK should adopt EU policy during the Brexit negotiations.

Caroline has been one of the few politicians in parliament, taking a principled stance on the issue of Israel-Palestine. You can view some of her speeches by clicking on this link <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/search/?q=israel&pid=24910>.

I'm proud to be in a party that is standing up for the rights of both Israeli and Palestinian people and not turning a blind eye to events that are taking place there. I hope that you will support me with your vote on 8th June to give parliament another voice on this issue.

Kind regards,

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