

## ANNEXURE C

### Verbal Apology by Sheikh Ahmad Zod

On or about 22 December 2023, I delivered a Friday sermon at Masjid As-Sunnah (MAS) entitled "The truth of the Jews and their characteristics." Our faith teaches respect for all people, regardless of race or religion. Islam holds Judaism in high regard as a revealed scripture and respects the children of Ibrahim/Abraham.

I recognise that my speech contained harmful, offensive and dehumanising generalisations about Jewish people.

I directed strong language about the Israeli military and government and did not intend to direct that language to Jewish people.

I deeply regret the way I framed my comments and understand how they could be interpreted as targeting Jewish people as a whole. I did not seek to harm Jewish people based on their race or religion. This is not an excuse but an explanation to hopefully assure you that I will not repeat these comments.

I apologise unreservedly and unconditionally to the Jewish community for the hurt caused by these remarks.



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Signature of SHEIKH AHMED ZOD

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