

# Batley Muslim outrage spreads to Slough: Protesters gather outside Slough Council offices demanding deputy leader to resign

*From the [On her Facebook post, she wrote](#): “To the teacher, if you need to leave Batley which I wouldn’t blame you! Come to Slough. We’ll welcome you and your family.”*

This sparked anger as some saw this as defending and being sympathetic to the “blasphemous” teacher’s actions of showing a Charlie Hebdo cartoon drawing of the Prophet. . . leading to a now-closed petition calling for her to resign her leadership role. Over 1,300 people signed it.

The petitioner said: “Anyone who disrespects our Prophet (pbuh) has no position in our lives,” adding “I don’t wish to see this evil person as my leader”



**Cllr Sabia Hussain, Deputy Leader,  
Slough borough Council**

Posted by Sabia Akram  
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I have removed a post which I wrote a few days ago regarding the teachers involved in Batley Grammer school.

I have removed this post now as I believe it has caused great offence and being used out of context for a political campaign against me.

My intention was never to undermine the Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) nor undermine his esteem in my religion or my community.

If I have caused offence to anyone I sincerely apologise for any hurt, that was certainly not my intention.

I can assure you that as a practicing Muslim woman I love and honour the beloved Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) and would never ever deliberately or otherwise try to cause harm or offence to anyone.

I have explained in previous posts and trust that people can understand my sentiments and intentions as god is my witness. 🙏❤️

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For the past few weeks, protesters have been gathering outside the Slough Borough Council building on Fridays demanding Cllr Akram to stand down as deputy leader for welcoming the controversial teacher to Slough. *Friday, April 23 was their third protest.*

Cllr Akram revealed to all Slough councillors in an email seen by the Local Democracy Reporting Service that she and her family have received death threats and harassment since the post.

The deputy leader later apologised for “any hurt” her previous posts caused and did not mean to cause “great offence” to anyone nor to undermine the Prophet and his esteem. See *how penitent she has to show herself to be in the FB post left – yet these are not enough to protect her from protests and death threats.* While not defending the teacher’s “disrespectful” actions, Cllr Akram, who is Muslim, said he should be forgiven for his mistake, not threatened to be killed.

She also called for Muslim leaders not to condone those who are sending threats to the teacher and those protesting outside the school gates, disrupting pupils learning.

Councillors from both Labour and Conservative offered their support to Cllr Akram, condemning the attacks on her as 'malice' and 'not justified'.