

London Borough of Enfield

Council 18 November 2020

Amendment to Motion 4 in the name of Councillor Aramaz

The motion currently reads:

“The Council recognises that there are a huge number of Alevi and Kurdish people in the borough. It is acknowledged by the British Alevi Federation that the London Borough of Enfield has the highest amount of Alevi and Kurdish people living in one area in the United Kingdom.

Enfield public bodies do not currently have enough information about Alevi. More data would help inform the approach of the education, health, local government and general support towards the Alevi community. Lack of inclusion in the census indicates an underestimation and insufficient recognition of the Alevi community as well as inadequate resources directed towards them.

Enfield Council supports the campaign by the British Alevi Federation to include Alevism in the census. Data about minority groups is vital because underreporting could allow discrimination to go unnoticed.

Therefore, in order to not disenfranchise those that identify themselves as Alevi or Kurdish, Enfield Council will ask officers to explore the possibility to select Alevism as an independent faith option and Kurdish as an independent ethnicity option, when compiling council forms. Enfield Council should also explore the possibility of including other ethnic group as a category on council forms.”

Amendment:

Councillor Mike Rye proposes that the motion is amended by replacing the fourth paragraph with the following:

Enfield Council calls upon the government to include Alevism as an independent faith option and Kurdish as an independent ethnicity option as categories on all national and local government forms.