

29 January 2019

Dear Sir / Madam,

On my recent personal visit to Sri Lanka, I was invited to meet with government dignitaries given that I am the Mayor of Harrow. Unfortunately, Commander Priyanka Fernando was present at this event. I am aware that a number of photographs were taken at the event, including one of me and Commander Fernando.

I should be clear that this was neither a predetermined meeting nor a predetermined act.

As someone who has been proud to represent all residents in our hugely diverse borough, I want to apologise unreservedly for any hurt or offence that this may have caused the Tamil community. This was completely unintended and I have made sure that the photograph is not on my Facebook page.

I look forward to continuing to be a champion of all the people of Harrow for the rest of my Mayoral year.

Yours faithfully,



**Cllr Kareema Marikar**  
**Mayor of Harrow**