

An open letter of concern from Haringey residents and parents

As Tottenham residents and parents of children in Tottenham we are deeply concerned by the recent decision of the jury in the Duggan Inquest. Although the jury unanimously agreed

that Mark Duggan did not have a gun when he was shot dead by armed police, perversely they still found that the killing was 'lawful' by a majority of 8 to 2.

This outrageous decision in effect gives the police a licence to gun down unarmed people in the streets. It is hard to believe the jury would have come to this decision had it not been for the prejudicial way in which Mark's character had been



tarnished in the months before the inquest.

Even though the police admitted Mark's criminal record was 'very minor' the press continually referred

to Mark as a violent gangster.

The racism displayed by both the police and media has put all young black people in Tottenham and beyond in the sights of firearms officers.

We fear for the safety of our children. Our condolences go out to the Duggan family at this very trying time and we support them in their continuing fight for justice for Mark.

Signators include: Simon Hester, secretary Haringey Trades Union Council, Hesketh Benoit, Jenny Sutton UCU branch secretary, CONEL, Rosemarie Wilson, governor Park View School, Alan Watts, Haringey Justice for Palestinians, Gary McFarlane, secretary Haringey Unite Against Fascism

Add your name to the letter we will be sending to the local press and the council

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