

Mr. Chris Hoggart, 
Deputy Mayor of Rye Town Council,
Town Hall,
Market Street,
Rye TN31 7LA

27th November 2025

Dear Mr. Hoggart,

Request to Fly the Palestinian Flag at Rye Town Hall

I am writing to you as a concerned constituent of Rye Town Council to respectfully request that the Palestinian flag be flown at Rye Town Hall to demonstrate our community's support for peace, justice and human rights for all people in the region.

Our beautiful town prides itself on inclusivity, human rights and global solidarity. Flying the Palestinian flag would be a symbolic gesture that aligns our community with the cause of peace and justice, acknowledging the ongoing struggle for decades of hardship faced by the Palestinian people in their pursuit of self-determination, freedom and dignity.

On 21st September 2025 the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland recognised Palestine as a sovereign state.

Many other councils, including Barnsley and Rotherham, have previously flown the flag, particularly around November 29th, the United Nations International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people. Other local councils have voted to follow suit. A similar gesture here would send a message of hope and solidarity to those seeking peace across the globe. This action is requested in the spirit of maintaining the inclusive and respectful atmosphere that we value in our community.

I kindly ask you to use your position as deputy mayor to consider this request and, if appropriate, bring it to the relevant council committee/ department for a vote. I believe it is vital to show solidarity when we learn about violations of human rights and international law.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



Paul McDonald

Ⓢ Same letter received by the Mayor