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### **Investigation into Masjid and Madrasah Al-Tawhid Trust – Charity Number 1070735**

Further to our previous correspondence, I am writing about the concerns you raised with us about of the alleged abuse of the charity for terrorist or extremist purposes. Following an assessment of the concerns you raised against the Commission's Risk Framework<sup>1</sup>, the Commission has on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2012 opened a statutory inquiry into the Charity under section 46 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act') to investigate the regulatory concerns.

It is important to note that whilst the Commission has opened an investigation into the Charity, this does not mean it will pursue all the concerns you have raised. This is due to the fact that some of those concerns may not be, for example, within the Commission's regulatory remit and for it to address, or that they do not pose a significant risk to the charity, its assets or beneficiaries.

The investigation will look at whether:

- the trustees have allowed individuals with potential links to terrorist organisations, to use the Charity to promote and/or express extremist views and ideologies and/or controversial points of view; and
- the trustees have taken appropriate steps to safeguard the reputation of the Charity and any risk to the Charity's beneficiaries, property and assets.

You should note that this investigation will not investigate matters relating to the current ongoing dispute within the Charity, which the Commission understands is currently going through a mediation process. In addition, as the Commission is not a criminal prosecuting authority it has no remit to investigate matters of criminality; these are matters for the police to investigate and any suspicions of this type of activity should be reported to them accordingly.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Our\\_regulatory\\_activity/Our\\_approach/default.aspx](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Our_regulatory_activity/Our_approach/default.aspx)

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It is not normally our policy to inform the trustees of a charity under investigation of the name of a complainant or to send a copy of any correspondence which may identify them, unless they have given their consent. However, the trustees are entitled to know the nature of any allegations and the evidence upon which a complaint is based. While we will take every step to try to ensure that your identity is not revealed without your consent, in this instance the nature of the allegations/evidence may give an indication as to their source. There may also be an obligation to reveal information under freedom of information legislation unless an exemption applies and it is right that it is exercised.

At this stage we have assessed that it is unlikely that we will need to meet or interview you. However, if you have further information that you believe is relevant to the investigation or are made aware of a significant development that you think would affect it, please do contact me.

### **Contacting the Commission**

I am the lead investigator for this investigation and if you need to contact me, my email address is at the end of this letter.

We do not enter into correspondence about action that we may intend to take or provide updates on the progress of our investigation. However, I will inform you when we have closed the investigation and let you know the outcome. We usually produce a report published on our website about the investigation. When we write to you about the outcome we will let you know about this.

### **Information about Investigations**

Our publication *CC46 - Statutory Inquiries into Charities: Guidance for charities and their advisers*<sup>1</sup>, although aimed at trustees, contains information about our regulatory role and the framework within which we will be carrying out this investigation which you may find useful. Our publication *CC47 - Complaints about Charities*<sup>2</sup> also explains our approach to dealing with complaints. If you are unable to view these documents on our website, then please let me know and I will provide a hard copy for you.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention and I will let you know if we need any further information from you to assist our enquiries.

Yours sincerely



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