## **Paper Petition Details**

## Petition in Support of 1984 Sikh Genocide

We the undersigned, strongly support the 1984 Sikh Genocide motions moved by Councillor Akram and seconded by Councillor Sabah. This motion, initiated by another Faith, highlights that the community stands together against injustice regardless of religious or cultural differences.

The Jathedar of Akal Takht Sahib, who holds the highest position in Sikhism, has acknowledged that the events of 1984 constitutes a genocide.

This motion also raises awareness about anti-Sikh discrimination, educating the broader community and reducing prejudice. By commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 1984 Sikh genocide, it honours the victims and their families and advocates for justice. The motion's call for justice and condemnation of human rights abuses in India underscores a commitment to human rights and accountability, reassuring both the Sikh and Kashmiri community that their concerns are being addressed.

Furthermore, it addresses local issues, such as the targeting of Sikh activists who are British citizens and residents of Slough, emphasising the importance of protecting and supporting our neighbours. These individuals are integral members of our community and standing with them is a testament to our shared values of solidarity. The Council has a key role in protecting its community members, reinforcing that their safety is a priority at all levels of governance. The demand of Slough Sikh's to support a referendum on Independence in Punjab, India rejects the democratic rights of the Sikh community. We all advocate for the release and return of Jaggi Johal, our brother.

We urge the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary, Defence Secretary and our Member of Parliament to convey these urgent issues and demands.

This petition was received on 26th July, 2024.

This petition was passed to the Chief Executive on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

Final Results	
Number of Signatures	79

Council Response	
Response to follow.	