



Our Freedom of Information (FOI) findings show that Enfield Council is investing **over £53 million** of our workers' pension funds in companies complicit in the genocide of the Palestinian people.

WHY WE ARE CALLING FOR ACTION

1. The publicised death figure of Israel's genocidal assault on Palestinians in the Gaza Strip is currently at more than 43,000, of which 18.4% are women, and 41.1% are children - c17,000. However, the Lancet report claims more than 186,000+ deaths would be more plausible, equating to 7.9% of the total population in the Gaza Strip" (10 July 2024, [Counting the dead in Gaza: difficult but essential - The Lancet](#)).
2. 90% of Gaza's population has been displaced multiple times. Over 500 schools have been directly hit or damaged in areas designated for evacuation by the Israeli military. All universities and hospitals are destroyed, with only 3 of the 36 hospitals remaining operational as of May 2024 (WHO, UNICEF UN News, Aljazeera).
3. There is no safe place in Gaza: entire residential neighborhoods have been destroyed, UN schools providing shelter for the displaced, and hospitals treating the wounded have been targeted repeatedly.

4. Palestinians in Gaza face famine due to Israel's blockade and targeting of life-sustaining infrastructure. In June 2024, UN experts declared that "[Israel's intentional and targeted starvation campaign against the Palestinian people is a form of genocidal violence and has resulted in famine across all of Gaza.](#)" (9 July '24, OHCHR)
5. On 19 July 2024, the ICJ ruled that "Israel's continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is unlawful" and ordered Israel to end its unlawful presence, immediately cease all settlement activities, evacuate settlers, make reparations for the damage caused to all natural or legal persons concerned the Occupied Palestinian Territory.
6. Concerning the West Bank, 20 years ago, the ICJ determined that Israel "could not invoke self-defense under article 51 of the UN Charter to justify its Wall in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt)", ([332.pdf \(ejil.org\)](#)), yet we continue to witness the brutal bombardment, killing, and burning of Palestinians and their property by the military and settlers in the West Bank.

After the recent defeat of the Conservative's draconian attempts to restrict the right of public bodies to exercise ethical investment and procurement decisions, [there are no barriers for Enfield Council](#) to exercise its moral obligation NOT to contribute to Israel's grave violations of Palestinian rights.

Enfield Solidarity with Palestine and Enfield PSC are grassroot organisations made up of local community members, Stop the War, Trade Unionists and other community groups.

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