

Revoke the RIBA Honorary Fellowship awarded to Boris Johnson

We the undersigned call upon the RIBA to revoke the RIBA Honorary Fellowship awarded to Boris Johnson.

We Note:

1. The Royal Charter of the RIBA is conferred on the Institute by Her Majesty the Queen.
2. The UK Supreme Court's unanimous ruling of 24 Sept. 2019 regarding the prorogation of Parliament, and the courts finding that the Prime Minister Boris Johnson unlawfully advised the Queen to prorogue Parliament to silence our democratically elected MPs at one of the most critical times in our country's history. This was a breach of the central constitutional principle of Parliamentary Sovereignty to gain political advantage.

The decision was unlawful because it had *"the effect of frustrating or preventing the ability of parliament to carry out its constitutional functions without reasonable justification"* and *"No justification for taking action with such an extreme effect has been put before the court."*

3. The Scottish Court of sessions unanimous ruling of 11 Sept. 2019 which found that Boris Johnson's advice to the Queen had been *"motivated by the improper purpose of stymying parliament"*.
4. Matters of propriety and conflict of interest currently under investigation by the Major of London and the GLA including:
 - *Public funds distributed to the Director of Innotech.*
 - *The procurement and public funding of the Thames Garden Bridge.*
5. Reported comments widely construed as denigrating to women and ethnic minorities

His advice to the Queen was illegal and the award bestowed on Boris Johnson should be revoked,

1. Because RIBA members owe a duty of care to the Queen and country.

And for the purposes of revoking this award a meeting of the RIBA Honours Committee be called within one calendar month, commencing 1st Oct.,

And that this revocation be agreed under the grounds specified in the committee terms of reference **Item 6. Revocation of Honours** (attached), namely where an individual's conduct or actions put into question **their standing as a Fit and Proper person**.

2. Annex 1. Fit and Proper persons

Item 1.3. *All persons to whom an Award is bestowed are required to conduct themselves as fit and proper persons under these criteria, in both their professional and personal capacities.*

Item 2.2 Fit. *The RIBA will consider:*

- *whether the person acts in a conscientious, responsible and reliable manner in the performance of their work.*

Item 3.1 Proper. *The propriety of an individual concerns their character and their suitability for affiliation with RIBA.*

Item 3.2 *The RIBA will consider:*

- *whether the person adheres to the RIBA's Professional Code of Conduct and guidelines, particularly in respecting the RIBA's values and core principles.*

- *whether the person acts with honesty, integrity, and legality at all times;*
- *whether the person respects the relevant rights and interests of others, notably in relation to social diversity ... their community, and the environment;*
- *whether the person has been candid and truthful in all their dealings with any regulatory body; and*
- *whether the person demonstrates a readiness and willingness to comply with the requirements and standards of the regulatory system and with all other legal, regulatory ... requirements and standards.*

1.1 **Item 3.3** *A person's propriety will be brought into question if:*

- *the person's reputation might have an adverse impact on the RIBA, in particular in the event that the person behaves in a manner in their personal or professional life that discredits themselves, their profession or the RIBA;*
- *the person has been convicted of any criminal or civil offence... Particular consideration will be given to offences of dishonesty...;*
- *the person has been subject to an adverse finding or a settlement by any ... regulator;*
- *the person has been notified of any investigation which might lead to proceedings of a disciplinary, regulatory or criminal nature;*
- *the person has been the subject of any justified complaint relating to regulated activities.*

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