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Responding to calls for more restrictions on peaceful protest, Zack Polanski said:

“Jewish communities are waking up this morning feeling incredibly scared after yet another odious antisemitic attack.

“This is a time for politicians to work together to protect Jewish people – but some party leaders are instead using this moment to make political attacks.

“I am the only Jewish leader of a major political party and I suffer antisemitic abuse every single day. For other politicians to use antisemitism as a political football, especially after these horrific attacks, is utterly appalling and should be beneath them.

“We must also be very clear that any response to these abhorrent attacks that curtails our civil liberties would be wrong. For a Government to seek to use the pain of the Jewish community to restrict our right to peaceful protest would be a dangerous error. We must not respond to grave moments like this by turning inwards, or by clamping down on our hard won rights. Instead we must stand firm both in defending communities against such attacks, and by confidently protecting the right of all of us to peaceful protest.”

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