

Batley free speech rally banned by town's Labour council

An exclusive from the [demonstrations outside Batley Grammar School](#) earlier this year – when campaigners protested against the use of the cartoon of the Prophet Mohammed.

Speaking to The Telegraph on Wednesday night, Mr Fox said he had contacted West Yorkshire Police about his event and was told it could go ahead.

He claimed the Labour-held council had “cancelled free speech, and shut down the debate that is so important to the people of this country . . . This is an attack on Western democratic values,” he said. “This is an attack on everything that we must fight for, for our children’s well being, and I’m not going to stop. So I very much look forward to being in the marketplace tomorrow, and I very much look forward to sharing a message of positivity and inclusivity.”

Kirklees Council and West Yorkshire Police were contacted for comment.

It will be interesting to see what happens tonight. It will be interesting to see what happens on Saturday afternoon. From [Muslims \(few of them local](#) to Batley) was acceptable and permitted. Protests of such virulence that the teachers concerned are still in