

Lee Rigby tribute – one week on...

Readers may remember that [BBC](#) went so far as to report

A council worker has received death threats for taking down a memorial in tribute to murdered soldier Lee Rigby.

There are two errors to my knowledge in that BBC report. I'll call them 'errors' rather than lies because of something I will write about later, or maybe tomorrow.

The first is this statement "Greenwich Council said it removed the shrine following requests from Mr Rigby's family."

Originally in the local press the council said that they were taking the flags down, and that they had informed the family "who had made no objection". Thats not the same thing at all. Local women who are part of the group calling for a memorial are in touch with Mrs Rigby. The menfolk keep the flags up to date and replaced should they tear. I do not know how the information was conveyed to Mrs Rigby but I doubt that she would object to removal and replacement of flags showing wear.

The second is this one ""The council has worked with his [Lee Rigby's] family on how best to honour his memory and decided to install a plaque at St George's Garrison Church opposite the barracks."

This statement has been repeated in the news a lot. It sounds like a specific memorial, the sort of thing local people have been wanting. It isn't. It's a [signed here](#), and a deputation will be attending the Town Hall on Wednesday evening to repeat the request. The interim good news is that Greenwich Council have announced that they will not order the removal of the current display of flags.