

# Encourage your council to support an Orgreave inquiry

THE Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign would like you to ask your local council to pass a resolution/motion to support the campaign and contact the Home Secretary to ask him to order a public inquiry into the events at Orgreave on June 18th 1984.

We have received magnificent support from a number of councils throughout the country and are hoping that we can get much more support to help us succeed with our request for an inquiry.

We have also received a lot of support from Labour Party, trade union colleagues and branches and political and social justice organisations throughout Britain, showing that this is not just an issue affecting the north of England.

## Model council resolution

We have produced a model resolution (right) but please use your own resolution if you think that is more appropriate. If you require an Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign speaker at your council meeting or more information please contact us at [Orgreavejustice@hotmail.com](mailto:Orgreavejustice@hotmail.com)

You can find your local councillor's information and contact details at [www.writetothem.com](http://www.writetothem.com)

The Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign advises anyone contacting Sajid Javid, the Home Secretary to also forward your email to [public.enquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:public.enquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

The following councils have passed motions supporting a public inquiry:

Barnsley, Sheffield, Doncaster, Wakefield, Bradford, Rotherham, North East Derbyshire District, Derby City, Durham, Bolsover, West Lancashire, Leeds City, Chesterfield Borough, Salford, Wirral, and, most recently, Sunderland.



**Above:** Orgreave supporters on the steps of Barnsley Town Hall. Later the council voted to back a public inquiry



**Left:** Sheffield Councillors and Orgreave campaigners crowd on to the steps inside Sheffield Town Hall before the council voted to support a public inquiry

## Draft model council resolution

THIS Council is concerned and disappointed by the previous Home Secretary's rejection on the 31st October, 2016 of an Inquiry into the policing of events at Orgreave. This Council notes, since this decision was taken, a new Home Secretary, Sajid Javid, is now in office.

This Council is pleased to note the decision by the Scottish Parliament on 7th June 2018 to order an independent review to investigate and report on the impact of policing on affected communities in Scotland during the period of the miners' strike from March 1984- March 1985.

This Council further praises the decision of the Welsh Assembly on 12th June 2018 to write to the Home Secretary, Sajid Javid, to ask for an independent review into policing in England and Wales during the miners' strike, and on 13th June 2018 to

also write again asking that the Home Secretary orders an inquiry specifically into the policing at Orgreave on 18th June 1984.

This Council asks, in the light of such statements from the Scottish and Welsh government, what the new Home Secretary, Sajid Javid, has done since these statements, to take these into account and express his views, on a full public inquiry into the events at the Orgreave coking plant on 18th June 1984.

This Council notes that 95 miners were arrested and charged with offences, but were all later acquitted amid claims that police at the time had fabricated evidence.

This Council observes that the Independent Police Complaints Commission said about Orgreave on 18th June 1984 in their report released in June 2015 "that there was evidence of excessive violence

by police officers, and a false narrative from police exaggerating violence by miners, perjury by officers giving evidence to prosecute the arrested men, and an apparent cover-up of that perjury by senior officers".

This Council is of the view that the Home Secretary needs to acknowledge the action of the Scottish government and the call from the Welsh government and confirm his response.

This Council will write to the Home Secretary and ask that he acknowledges the response of the Scottish and Welsh Parliaments, explains what action he has taken in response and takes into account the opinion of this Council and accepts that there is widespread public concern about events at Orgreave and calls for him to order an inquiry into them.