Moderation Policy

By default, comments on this service are pre-moderated. This means that comments will not be published instantly. They will first be checked by the moderators.

Moderation is intended to ensure debate is fair and inclusive, and will not be used to suppress legitimate, reasoned debate about the issues raised.

Comments will normally be approved for publication as long as they:

- Respect other commenters and individuals. Comments should not be malicious or offensive in nature, and should not constitute a personal attack on a person's character;
- Don't incite hatred on the basis of race, religion, gender, nationality or sexuality or other personal characteristic;
- Don't include swearing, hate-speech or obscenity;
- Don't publicly reveal personal details, such as private addresses, phone numbers or email addresses;
- Don't break the law. This includes libel, condoning illegal activity, and breaking copyright;
- Are reasonably concise, and don't constitute spamming of this service;
- Don't advertise commercial products and services. You may mention relevant products and services as long as they support your comment;
- Don't impersonate or falsely claim to represent a person or organisation;
- Are on-topic. Please don't post messages that are unrelated to this site.