COMPLAINTS POLICY STATEMENT INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KRISHNA CONCIOUSNESS BHAKTIVEDANTA MANOR

ISKCON Bhaktivedanta Manor's Complaints Policy aims to ensure that the complaints process is flexible and responsive to the needs of individual complainants. It provides a clear, fair and easy to use complaints process to deal with any expression of dissatisfaction raised, and for these complaints to be thoroughly and effectively investigated.

Purpose:

The Policy exists to:

- Provide a fair complaints procedure which is clear and easy to use by anyone wishing to make a complaint;
- Publicise the existence of our complaints procedure so that people know how to contact us to make a complaint;
- Ensure that everyone at ISKCON Bhaktivedanta Manor knows what to do if a complaint is received;
- Make sure all complaints are investigated fairly and in a timely way;
- Ensure that complaints are, wherever possible, resolved and that relationships are repaired; and
- Gather information which helps us to improve what we do.

<u>Note:</u> The Policy does not cover complaints from staff. All staff should use ISKCON Bhaktivedanta Manor's Discipline and Grievance policies. For concerns or complaints pertaining to Safeguarding issues, refer to the *Safeguarding Policy*.

The following complaints will not be dealt with:

- a private matter between parties to a dispute, except where one of the parties to the dispute serves at ISKCON Bhaktivedanta Manor, or is a leader in ISKCON, for example travelling sanyasis or senior devotees associated with ISKCON:
- complaints where an incident in question has not taken place on ISKCON Bhaktivedanta Manor's premises; or
- complaints that do not involve an employee or volunteer of ISKCON Bhaktivedanta Manor.

How to Complain

A complaint can be received by email or in writing only.

By email: complaints@krishnatemple.com

By post: Complaints Committee, ISKCON Bhaktivedanta Manor, Hilfield Lane, WD25 8EZ

You may also request the full version of the Complaints Policy by emailing complaints@krishnatemple.com

Confidentiality

All complaint information will be handled sensitively and confidentially, informing only those who need to know, and in strict compliance with the relevant data protection legislation.

Responsibility

Overall responsibility for this policy and its implementation lies with the Senior Management Team.

Review

This policy is reviewed regularly and updated as required.