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Dear Mr Bowkett,

We are writing with deep concern about your upcoming February auction. Nestled among the British and European medals and militaria are over 70 lots of various Nazi medals, armbands, pins, and other material. There appear to be hundreds of items from one of the darkest periods in European and world history. Many of the lots being sold are listed as replicas.

A few weeks ago, people in Stroud District came together to remember the Holocaust. We paid tribute to the six million Jews and millions of Slavic people, LGBTQ+, disabled people, religious minorities and others who were murdered by the Nazi regime. The sale of Nazi artefacts is an assault on their memory.

While the UK has not joined the majority of European countries that have banned the sale and display of Nazi symbols, in 2025 a major auction house in Scotland specialising in militaria took the decision to stop selling such items. They came to the conclusion that such items represent hate, terror, and suffering and are a painful reminder to those who lost family, friends and neighbours in the Holocaust. Trading in Nazi symbols trivialises and denies this cataclysmic event in our history.

We note that The Saleroom which hosts your on line auctions has a clear policy on prohibited and restricted items. <https://support.the-saleroom.com/hc/en-gb/articles/360016758337-Prohibited-and-Restricted-Items-Information-for-Bidders> We cannot see this policy on Harper Field's website. How is your business complying with it, particularly as you are selling replicas and have not stated any educational or historical purpose for the authentic items? We have raised this with The Saleroom.

Harper Field is making money on Nazi symbols. It is profiteering off the back of genocide, an immoral income and we think your business and the people of Stroud are better off without it. We believe the commercial trading of Nazism normalises and contributes to the rise of neo-Nazism, antisemitism, and hate which are on the rise in the UK, Europe and across the globe.

We know that you have been approached directly and asked not to proceed but thus far have declined. We ask you respectfully to reconsider your position and withdraw these items from sale and cease future sales of Nazi and SS paraphernalia.

Yours sincerely,

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Helen Elliott- Boult  
Denise Needleman  
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Judith Large  
Pammy Michell  
Paul Shevlin  
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And many more signatories who are coming forward every hour. An updated list will be posted on Facebook.

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