CAMBRIDGE UNION TO HOST JULIAN ASSANGE

Following the conclusion of 24 hours of voting, we can confirm the results of the referendum are as follows.

**Question:** Do you agree that the Cambridge Union should host Julian Assange via videolink on November 11th at 7pm?

**Turnout:** 1,463

**Ayes:** 1,125 (76.9%)

**Noes:** 338 (23.1%)

The membership of the Cambridge Union has therefore stated that the Union should host Julian Assange on November 11th.

As has been released previously, the Union believes that the unique situation of Julian Assange warrants a consultation of its membership. As a man who cannot stand trial or face the Swedish justice system – the situation of Assange is completely unique. As a result, the lack of precedent means the only option available was to consult our members.

**The President of the Union, and Co-Returning Officer of the election, had this to say:**

“In the 200th year of free speech and the art of debating, the voice of our membership has rung out clearly. With record turnout, they have clearly stated that they believe the Union should host Assange. The unique nature of this situation means that this does not set a precedent for future invitations, but this matter has now been decided. The format of the coming event will be announced closer to the time, and the Union will ensure that it can act as a platform for those that wish to criticise or question, as has been the case so many times in the past. Thank you to all who voted.”