Dear editor,

Like many others in [your location], I have watched the scenes from Afghanistan with horror. The situation is a stark reminder that all too often people don’t choose to leave their homes. They are forced to flee, running towards safety wherever they might find it. If other countries shut their borders, there would be nowhere for them to go.

This is what the UK Government is proposing to do with the Nationality and Borders Bill. This anti-refugee Bill aims to criminalise people travelling via so-called 'irregular routes — often the only routes available to people fleeing for their lives, like those in Afghanistan.

This Bill, which will make it even harder for people to seek safety, needs to be thrown out. In a few months’ time, some Afghans will reach the UK after a perilous journey because of a lack of safe routes to get here, and under this Bill, they will be locked up or turned away.

Many people in [your local community] want to welcome people seeking safety from Afghanistan and elsewhere. The Government should enable us to do so.

We have a proud record of helping those seeking safety from around the world. Now, we need to step up once more by providing urgent protection to Afghans and scrapping the Nationality and Borders Bill.

Yours sincerely,

[Your full name and address]