We have some real worries about the development of the Football Lads Alliance (FLA).

Like millions of people we were horrified by the terror attacks in London and Manchester.

The FLA organised a “United Against Extremism” in London on 24 June. Most fans who joined the march will have done so because of fears for their families and communities. The FLA now plans to march again in London on Saturday 7 October and have said they will leaflet grounds at the start of the season.

But whatever the motives of those who joined the FLA march and of those who are leading the organisation, there is a real danger that supporters may be being used by people with a political agenda.

While fans were, of course, completely right to express sorrow for victims of the terror attacks at London Bridge, Westminster and in Manchester there was little mention on the demonstration of the terror attack at Finsbury Park Mosque or of the murder by a right wing extremist of the Labour MP Jo Cox (though a recent FLA video includes both attacks as part of a timeline).

Despite assurances that the FLA opposes racism and violence and that there are no links between the FLA and the far right at least one speaker on the 24 June march, Toni Bugle, was a former far right candidate (for the English Democrats — ex BNP). Bugle is friends with several Facebook FLA admins.

And there are other figures associated with the FLA that contradict the “no racism” message. Frank Portinari is often on the Football Lads Alliance facebook page. He was sentenced to five years in 1994 for handling guns and ammunition for the UDA terror group in Northern Ireland. Portinari, a school caretaker, hid the guns in his office at school. He was also linked to the neo Nazi, Combat 18.

And there's Roy Larner. Hailed as a hero after the terror attack at London Bridge, Larner was recently shown in a video hurling racist abuse at students and “spitting in a photographer’s face”. He said he was a National Front supporter.

We'd say that Muslims do seem to be being singled out. Yet we know that every major Muslim organisation has utterly condemned all the terror attacks.

Each week we go to games alongside Muslim supporters. Almost every club has Muslim players. Do we really want these supporters and players to feel that they are being thought of as potential “extremists” just because of their faith?

It’s also a bit strange that the “Lads Alliance” has been formed when at least one in four supporters at grounds across the country are women.

We are very worried that in the run up to the FLA’s next planned outing on 7 October, we could see Muslim players and supporters facing an unwanted atmosphere of division and scapegoating.

The FLA says it doesn’t want this. That’s good. But surely that means making sure that there is a clear break from any far right elements such as Toni Bugle?

Football is for everyone no matter your religious beliefs, the colour of your skin or whether you are a man or women. Fans have struggled long and hard to escape a time when the far right saw the terraces as their natural recruiting ground and when black and Asian fans and players were abused.

We shouldn't allow anyone to use the horrific terror attacks to divide supporters one from the other. Surely it’s time for supporters to stand together and to continue to stand up to racism.