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By David Rose

A firebomb attack which seriously damaged the home of a prominent anti-fascist activist is being treated as attempted murder by police.

Three petrol bombs exploded at the home of Ms Anna Sullivan, secretary of Anti-Fascist Action's branch in Islington, north London, gutting a room which until a few weeks ago she had used as a bedroom.

Ms Sullivan said that she had received repeated verbal, telephone and written threats before the attack, at 3.30am on Tuesday.

Ms Sullivan, aged 47, an artist and teacher, has been a prominent anti-fascist for many years, and earlier this year amassed a dossier of racial harassment which led directly to the eviction of a white family from a nearby council estate. She was a prime witness when the case came to court.

She said that all her books, paintings and files, along with furniture and carpets, had been destroyed.

Her son and his girlfriend had been with her in the house.

The attack follows a series of threats in recent weeks against contributors to the anti-fascist magazine Searchlight.