

Dear Mike

I note your intention to publish all 3 live complaints on your website. I assume it is your intention to do so this Friday (20th), and that your reference to Friday 10th is a typo.

I do not consider that it would be appropriate for either Jonathan or I to redact any personal information from documents you intend to publish. I feel obliged to remind you that it is a requirement of the Borough Council's Code of Conduct not to disclose confidential information, so the act of publishing these documents may itself leave you open to further standards complaints. I cannot condone such an act, so I do not intend therefore to take any part in redacting such documentation prior to your intended publication.

I should add that Jonathan has not had sight of the most recent complaint (by Barry Hughes). This is still at the initial assessment stage, and we have not made Jonathan aware of the specifics.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Stanfield Solicitor
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Have you tried contacting us at www.tmbc.gov.uk/do-it-online ?

>>> Mike Taylor <mike.truck@btconnect.com> 16 March 2015 10:20 >>>

Dear Jonathan,

I am a strong believer in democracy and transparency, and I am deeply uneasy about your exhortation to maintain confidentiality regarding the IQ standards complaint. I also note that you did not mention the Parking complaint you were dealing with, nor the 3rd complaint lodged by the ex-Mayor & Leader of TMBC.

I am very aware that we are fast approaching an election where I will be standing in both Borough and Parish Elections, perhaps followed by the Chair election.

I do not believe it right that these complaints have been so delayed that resolution before the election is now virtually impossible.

The electorate have a right to know - I am either a loud mouthed bully who should not be elected to public office, or I am a local hero protecting the rights of that electorate.

I therefore propose to post all three complaints on the local websites on Friday 10th, and to remove them again on the 30th when the election "purdah" starts. I am happy to waive any confidentiality, but am giving you and TMBC the opportunity to redact from those three complaint documents if you believe there is any personal information that should be protected.

Kind Regards

Mike Taylor