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Sent: 18 January 2010 19:03
Subject: Re: Ford Enterprise Hub

Dear Paul

Thank you for your prompt letter following our meeting on Friday 8th January and for the courtesy you have shown. Your letter is a reasonable distillation of our complaint but we would emphasise the following:

We believe that it is illegal or unlawful for a local authority to lead a campaign against development proposals, especially when those proposals are on land under active consideration in its LDF. We believe the Members responsible should be held to account for their actions by the council's Standards Committee. We request that your findings address the questions of lawfulness or legality with clarity.

When considering 3a, it is important to bear in mind that the council, through the Chairman of the Select Committee, laid emphasis upon the claim that all members of that committee would be approaching the process with an open mind.

With regard to 3c, we feel that the public saw the 'suspension' of Councillor Bower from Chairmanship of the LDF committee, of itself evidence that he had behaved inappropriately. Councillor Bower's position is such that the only way he can now avoid charges of pre-determination is if LDF Option 1 is selected - an untenable position for the Cabinet Member with overall responsibility for the council's spatial strategy.

With regard to 4, we think you should note that since our letter of complaint was submitted a planning application has been received in respect of land NW of Bognor Regis and the Council have said they expect an application in respect of land to the North of Littlehampton this month.

It is important not only to consider which committee, if any, the SQW report has been considered by, but also whether it has been presented in a timely manner.

Please be aware that we have submitted an FOI request for: "A copy of the letter from Ian Sumnall to all members of the Eco Town Select Committee in which he sets out the legal position of all Councillors on the committee and also Councillors who played any part in the Yapton By-Election."

Finally, we request that you also consider whether, in leading the campaign against the Eco-Town proposals, and at the same time conducting a Select Committee inquiry into them, the council was, in effect, acting as both complainant and judge, and thereby in breach of the laws of natural justice - *nemo iudex in causa sua*.

Yours sincerely

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----- Original Message -----

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Dear Mr Dixon,

Please see attached

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