

I would wish to bring to the attention of the sub committee some untruths in the representation made by Mr Brooks regarding myself.

Mr Brooks has long held objections to any activity carried out by Jubilee Camping, particularly regarding planning and I do not intend to go through all the points raised in Mr Brooks representation. However, he has made a specific allegation regarding me personally which is untrue and, I believe, is designed to influence the committee negatively towards me.

In his representation Mr Brooks states:

“when the campsite initially came to Parish Council debate no conflict of interest was declared with the Applicant (of which there was one), the proposed individual was later tutored on a NFDC “Conflict of Interest” course”.

This is not true and NFDC records will confirm this. It is true that complaints were made to NFDC about me because Mr Brooks and others believed a conflict of interest had occurred but on investigation by NFDC it was found that there was no case to answer. An email from Grianne O’Rourke, Executive Head of Governance and Housing, to myself, dated 25th September 2020 states

“As you will see, the Monitoring Team decided to take no further action. In relation to the complaint regarding the failure to declare an interest in planning application 20/10607, the reason for no further action is that taking into account the nature of the allegation, the Monitoring Team considers that using public funds to examine the matter further would be disproportionate. In relation to all of the other allegations, the Monitoring Team considers that there is no prima facie evidence that the Code has been breached.”

Furthermore, I have never been invited to attend any training courses regarding Conflicts of Interest, Conduct or Probity by NFDC.

As such, I would respectfully request that Mr Brooks representation regarding myself be ignored by the committee.

Kind regards

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