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From: Laura White
Sent: 26 June 2023 12:13
To: Matt Kolaszewski
Cc: Ayesha Johnson
Subject: Mr Saunders - Cock Lane

Importance: High

Hi Matt,

I have just had a very unpleasant telephone conversation with Mr Billy Joe Saunders of Woodland Stables, Cock Lane.

He phoned in response to an email I had sent him about an ongoing case re: pallet storage on Cock Lane. He had not responded to earlier attempts to contact him or to a Section 16 Notice. It was this I was chasing in my email this morning.

He started by saying he was recording the call and he has a lawyer involved. He was very aggressive in tone throughout.

I have listed the points he made below as some are concerning:

- He wants to know if anyone involved in the recent scandal/bribery arrests (his wording, not mine), had been involved in his case
- He wants to know if the person involved in this has been struck off (again, his wording)
- He says his lawyers will be investigating the council
- He will be putting the email I sent him on social media with my contact info
- He has documents from a third party that proves someone in the council is "on the take" (he offered no further detail than this)
- The council should back off and stop bullying him
- He put in a formal complaint about drones being used on his land and, in his opinion, the council did not investigate this properly
- He wants to speak to someone higher but called from a blocked number (I will see if I have a phone number on file) – he expects a phone call immediately

The reason he is so annoyed is that a) he has been subject to action from us (Enforcement Notice, investigation/use of drone) and b) he says I have written to him about land he does not own. On point b) he says:

- I have assumed it was his land because there's something personal in it OR because we want to give him a hard time
- I did not check Land Registry (I refer to the title number in my letter)
- I did check Land Registry and saw it was his land so went with that (I tried to explain this is not how Land Registry searches work; I tried to explain how they work and said it could be human error that I chose the wrong one but he did not let me finish and continued accusing me of deliberately choosing his one (we had that part of the conversation twice)).
- He wants an apology from me admitting that I chose his land on purpose within 30 minutes or the phone call is going on social media too (I need a bit more time to check Land Registry as I am not sure I agree with him and did not want to commit to anything on the phone. I did say that if I had got it wrong I would apologise but I would not commit to anything before checking Land Registry – he took that to mean that he was correct).

He continued to put words into my mouth and cut me off so I ended the call (I warned him that I would beforehand).

I do not feel I said or did anything wrong but it was a difficult call for sure.

Anyway, we should discuss.

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