

**Monitoring Officer's Report to the MK Standards Committee Hearing  
14<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

## **Annexe C**

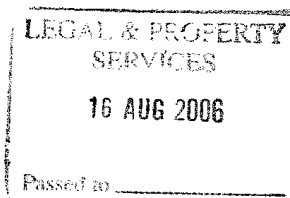
**Additional letters of Cllr Bowen-Williams  
sent as part of the pre-hearing process**

**Dated 12<sup>th</sup> August and 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2006**

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12 August 2006

for the attention of:  
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Dear Sir,

Thank you for our brief conversation last week before you went on holiday. With this letter I am happy also to confirm that I shall attend the meeting at 3.300 p.m. on the fourteenth of September to which you refer. I am sure that you will inform me as to where I should report on that occasion.

I return with this letter the paperwork which you had sent to me and, acting on your advice, I have ignored the apparent request to forward the same to an address in the Midlands although I did at first wonder if the referral out with the area might be a response to my own concerns that Milton Keynes Council was to deal with this issue. I must confess that some of it has left me more than a little confused. I really believe that the core problem which has emerged in this whole business has been the range of names of gentlemen who have written to me – several of whom (yourself included) have apologised for what seems to have been too early involvement in the whole issue –

In the section below this letters from the Standards Board are identified as (a) and from the Milton Keynes Council as (b)

<u>Names</u>	<u>Date</u>
Blackpool (a)	9th February 2006-
Richards (a)	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2006
Owen (a)	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2006
McCourt (b)	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2006 – own reply (A) in bundle 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2006
McCourt (b)	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2006 – another will deal with this matter
Wilkinson (b)	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2006 - I am that other
Owen (a)	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2006-
McCourt (b)	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2006 Sorry – should not have been involved at this stage
Wilkinson (b)	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2006 Sorry for “inconvenience and confusion”
McCourt (b)	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2006 - Sorry again – Owen man involved
Wilkinson (b)	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2006 - Owen’s the man
Kingston (a)	30 <sup>th</sup> May 2006 – a first appearance
Wilkinson(b)	18 <sup>th</sup> July 2006 timing of Standards Committee meeting.

More, the confusion, I think, comes from the lack of clarity as regards procedure on the day. In one of the roles I play, as Chairman of Valuation Tribunals, I am required to spell out in detail the way in which the case will be heard. From your printed material it would seem that any details in self-defence which I should wish to present are to be regarded as a plea for mitigation after I have been effectively found guilty for the second time.

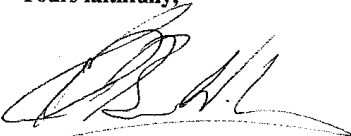
There certainly are things relevant which I should wish to say including an emphasis on the fact that I accept that I was found guilty of an offence in a Magistrates' Court. Something which I have not attempted to deny or conceal at any stage. There are, however, points which I should like to re-emphasise included in the several letters and statements which I have made and all of which I must assume both to be in your possession and also to have been submitted to the local Standards Board/Panel. May I assume that the bundle of papers enclosed with this letter as well as the letter itself will have been passed to all concerned ?

May I also assume that as the whole issue of what, perhaps, might be called the Maria Craig's case has been rejected by the Standards Board of England there will be no reference to this matter on the fourteenth of September or do I have to attend prepared to defend myself against what I would repeat are effectively libellous remarks?

The only additional point which I would draw to attention, if it is relevant, would be our Town Clerk's doubts over one issue which is touched on in Steven Kingston's report at 4.3.

I trust that the above covers and reflects upon the various forms which you have sent me and would look for your support and direction if at this stage I have failed to provide any material which might be deemed to be necessary.

Yours faithfully,

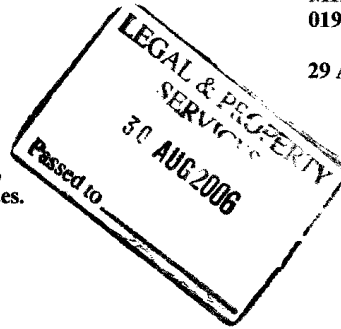


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Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the twenty third of this month and now on the date indicated above endeavour to respond to your request for a response by return.

In seeking to make that response I am afraid that a range of questions at once occur.

What are pre-hearing rd directions ?

Will I see the covering report to which you refer ?

Why does the name of Mrs Craig keep re-appearing in your documents as well as her libellous statements when this issue has been once dismissed ?

Will the name of Mrs Craig be introduced at any stage at the hearing?

Do I need to respond to any such questions ?

Whilst I remain grateful for the apologies which your letter offers I have still no answer to the primary question why and by whom were both a local and national investigation put in motion?

Why, when in papers sent to me by yourself it appeared that a response should be directed outwith Milton Keynes which would have been in accord with my own request, am I to ignore the need for care in these matters because they are erroneous ? They are wrong, yes but does this make them irrelevant ?

Why has my letter of the thirteenth of March been redacted and not shewn in full ?

I would certainly ask that, as well as copies of this letter, copies of my letter to yourself of twelfth of August without redaction are made available to all parties.

Yours sincerely,



Robin Bowen-Williams.