

**Stephen Rix**

**From:** Suezanne Awotwi  
**Sent:** 27 September 2012 10:48  
**To:** Stephen Rix  
**Subject:** FW: Planning sub-committee  
Stephen,

Here you are, thanks.

Kind Regards

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**From:** Vincent Stops (Cllr)  
**Sent:** 20 February 2012 14:00  
**To:** Gifty Edila  
**Subject:** Planning sub-committee

Dear Gifty

Thank you for your response to my note ff 2 February 2012, to you - see thread below.

Firstly to confirm that this was in fact an identical application to a previous one for this property contrary to your response to my earlier enquiry.

I am writing to ask that you refer this issue as a complaint against Cllr Levy.

In brief at a previous Planning Sub-Committee (9 December 2010) Cllr Levy had spoke in favour of an application for development of 16 Leabourne Road. He then declared a predudicial interest - see minute of 9 December 2010 meeting below.

7.7 Councillor Levy spoke in support of the application, on behalf of the applicant, his comments are summarised as follows:-

§ Questioned why the application had not been dealt with by delegated powers, as expected.

§ There were a large number of loft extensions already in the road, approximately 13-14 extensions on the same side of the road as number

16. It was therefore felt that an additional loft extension would not make a significant change to the existing street scene.

§ Reference was made to the flank wall which took up half of one side of the road, which adversely affected the character of the road.

§ Reference was made to paragraphs 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 of the report, as it was felt that the Inspector's decision was often inconsistent.

7.8 As Councillor Levy had declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, he left the meeting after providing his representation.

On the February Planning Sub-Committee the same proposal on the same site was considered by members. Prior to the item I prompted Mr Levy to consider his position with respect to prejudicial interest and his previous involvement. He told the Committee he had no prejudicial interest as it was a new application. He then proceeded to take part in the determination of the item.

In my view Cllr Levy should have declared a prejudicial interest.

Can you please consider this issue with a view to it being considered by the Standards Committee.

Cllr Vincent Stops

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**From:** Vincent Stops (Cllr)  
**Sent:** Thu 02/02/2012 12:29  
**To:** Gifty Edila  
**Subject:** Planning sub-committee

Dear Gifty,

Last night we heard an application for 16 Leaborne Rd.

This was an identical application to one we have previously considered.

At the previous consideration Cllr Levy spoke in favour and did not take part in the committee's deliberations. I understood at the time Cllr Levy was instrumental in the application being considered by committee.

Last night he declared no interest even after my prompting.

I understand we are now in a new environment given the localism Act, but would like to ask if you would advise me on this matter and particularly if it is a standards issue as it would have been previously.

Regards

Cllr Vincent Stops

Sent from my HTC