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Sent: 21 June 2010 14:17
To: Will Friend
Cc: Simon Thomas; Steve Albon
Subject: Re: Friend/ Miles dispute.

Dear Mr Friend

Thank you for your e-mail.

I am sorry to hear that you have not been able to resolve the situation with Mr Miles.

You are correct that the Council carried out an independent review of its actions in respect of complaints made about yourself and your tenants and you have, of course, seen the report of the consultant.

The Local Government Ombudsman investigated complaints about the councils actions made by Mr Miles and the ombudsman advised us that the matters complained about would not be investigated further in February 2009.

In respect of the Council's view on the complaints made about yourself I wrote to you in a letter dated 20 January 2009 which set out the Council's position at that time. I can confirm that I also wrote to Mr Miles at the same time advising him of the Council's position.

I have not personally been involved with any subsequent matters so I cannot comment on anything that may have occurred since that time.

I hope this information is useful.

Regards

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>>> "Will Friend" <friend.northdown@btinternet.com> 15 June 2010 >>>

Dear Colin,

As discussed last year, I have been seeking to reach a settlement with Mr. Miles. Mr. Miles has responded by cancelling a scheduled meeting with my agent, cancelling a scheduled session of mediation in London, and issuing the attached threatening letter.

I am no longer quite sure who is the one who is going mad here, so can you please re-confirm for me that it is not a figment of my imagination that we did hold exhaustive negotiations over a four year period to investigate Mr.

Miles complaints against me , and that these issues were subject to an independent review funded by the council , that the facts were put before the ombudsman, and that in January 2010 it was finally determined that all the allegations had been looked into as far as they possibly could be, none were ongoing at that time, and that you wrote to Mr. Miles advising him of this fact ? My costs have been roughly £50k each for defending my position over the ownership of the road, the allegations of planning breaches/nuisance, and ownership of the orchard, none of the matters are yet concluded. I can only imagine the councils costs have been of a similar order.

Sorry for troubling you, Many thanks William Friend

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