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Date: Thu, 16 Jan 2020 09:53:32 +0000
From: mick.dawson@theharbourview.co.uk
Subject: Fwd: Correspondence with the Office of Emma Lewell-Buck
To: "BUCK, Simon" <simon.buck@parliament.uk>, Keith Palmer <palmerk@parliament.uk>
Cc: Cllrs, Nicola Robason, Hayley Johnson, Alison Hoy

Dear Sirs,

I can confirm that UK Docks did not submit an application for the Council for retrospective planning and the email I sent to Councillor Hamilton I have [copied to a PDF file and attached it](#). She may be able to help you with the legal points you wish to raise.

I have a dispute with Mrs Johnson about the misinformation/misrepresentation given to the Local Government Ombudsman. I agree with Mr Tilbury of Peter Dunn & co but she maintains that there is no evidence of any. I sent you both a copy of his advice yesterday because Mr Palmer alluded to vexatious communications.

He also suggested I sought legal advice but I had already done so. It looks to me like it was probably criminal fraud for UK Docks to convince the Council that they were building their shed to a set of approved plans when they were not and I was advised that the Police would take no action because they would say it was a Planning Matter.

UK Docks have not done themselves any favours by telling people that they have permission for their shed when they haven't.. It looks to me like they have been breaking the law since March 2014 when they took the Port of Tyne Tug onto the slipway and the Council have been complicit in this. It was Director of UK Docks who decided to move his business the River Drive and he only had permission for a shed 22m long and it is now 27.5m long which is probably the main reason we were told he had been given permission for it by the Council.

I'll leave it with you for the time being.

M Dawson

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Date: Wed, 15 Jan 2020 08:52:37 +0000
From: mick.dawson@theharbourview.co.uk
Subject: Re: Correspondence with the Office of Emma Lewell-Buck
To: "BUCK, Simon"
Cc: Keith Palmer, Cllrs Angela Hamilton, Hayley Johnson, Customer Advocates

4 Attachments

[DishonestyatTH-Emma30Oct19.pdf \(31 KB\)](#)
[8DLL.pdf \(108 KB\)](#)
[toELB20Oct16.pdf \(77 KB\)](#)
[toMH06-Sep-16.pdf \(28 KB\) \(Customer Advocacy\)](#)

Dear Mr Buck,

As far as I remember Mr Palmer was indeed polite and I hope you thought I was as well. Whether he was accurate is another matter. It would have been courteous for Mr Palmer to have introduced himself. I assumed that when I gave you permission to pass my home phone number to him he had become Emma's new office manager after her re-election. Please see trail below. He very obviously let me assume I was talking her new Office Manager. He did not inform me that you, her actual office manager was listening in. Please let me have any copy of the recording of what was said so that I can check it against the length of my call for any editing.

You will see from the first attachment that the Council have not been honest with either Emma, Angela or myself. You will see from the second attachment that that I have already sought legal

advice and Mr Tilbury suggested that we should first ask the Council about misleading the Ombudsman and then approach the Ombudsman and this I did. The Council said they had not misled the Ombudsman and if you remember I told Mr Palmer that any complaint against the Local Government Ombudsman was was pointless. They just say the complaint remains that of the first complaint.

When you consider the matter closed, do you mean that the Council can cover up wrongdoing by misleading the Ombudsman is OK? Do you think it OK that they can then use the Ombudsman's findings to mislead MPs and other enquirers. Mr Palmer certainly gave me that impression he was implying that over the phone. As you can see from the third attachment the Council have been dishonest with everyone for a long time.

When you consider the matter closed you are only repeating what the Principal Planning Manager said on January 13th 2014 and in the six years the Council have consistently lied about the shed having been approved.

You will see, below, that whatever we said over the phone he misled me into thinking he was Emma's Office Manager but I see from your email that you are her Office Manager. So who is Mr Palmer? I'm sorry but I cannot help thinking he is dancing to the same tune as those that tried to get Emma deselected.

I have reattached the files i.e. the second and third, that were attached to the notes to Emma, posted below. The fourth is the letter sent to Michaela of Customer Advocacy which was detached from the steam. This was never considered but passed back to the villain of the piece. One of the people mentioned in my email to Emma on 20-Oct-16 and as it is rude to talk about people behind their backs I have copied this to her and Customer Advocates.

By the way Nicola Robason has confirmed that UK Docks did not put in a retrospective planning request which beggars the question: Why did they tell Angela and Emma that they had. Perhaps your Mr Palmer can answer the question?

Mr Dawson

Quoting "BUCK, Simon" <simon.buck@parliament.uk>: 15 Jan 2020

Dear Mr Dawson,

Thank you for your email sent this morning following from Mr Palmer's telephone conversation to you yesterday afternoon.

I wish to address two points you raised. I was present during the conversation between Mr Palmer and yourself. I am afraid your recollection of the conversation was not a true account. Mr Palmer was polite, informative and accurate.

Mr Palmer correctly informed you that MPs have no influence over the Local Government Ombudsman, and he suggested that a possible course of action may be to complain further to the Local Government Ombudsman and suggested you take legal advice.

Finally, your suggestion that Mr Palmer, or any other staff member for that matter has been "warned off helping" Emma "by an official at the Town Hall" and then making references to the CLP trying to deselect Emma, is not only untrue but an unwarranted accusation. Your email seriously undermines Mr Palmer's, Emma's and the Office's integrity and it is a very serious matter. I am very sorry that Emma is unable to help you further with this case and I consider this matter to be closed.

Simon Buck

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Quoting mick.dawson@theharbourview.co.uk: 14/01/20

1 Attachment: toELB20Oct16.pdf (77 KB)

Dear Emma,

I gave my phone details to you partner to pass to a Mr Keith Parmer, he has them and I spoke to him yesterday on 0191 4271240.

Is it safe to assume he is your Office Manager in South Shields and we should write to him on any issues we have with UK Docks?

I am Michael David James Dawson of Amble, Morpeth.

The case ZA4803, please see attached, and it has been with you for many years although it was passed to Anne Marie Trevelyan MP while I was lodging at, Amble.

.. Greens Place was on the market for about 4 years and I did not sell it until 2019. I was resident back there when UK Docks extended their shed in August 2017. I complained to you about the conduct of Councillor Anglin at that time and you suggested that I take it up with the Monitoring Officer, Mike Harding, and although I have not raised that issue with him I have discovered that he does not even acknowledge the receipt of any letters or emails let alone go any way to resolving any of the issues raised. I discovered this when I tried to raise a similar complaint with him at the back end of 2018.

Nicola Robeson does respond and she has confirmed that UK Docks were not given permission for their shed retrospectively which makes one wonder why they told you and Angela that they had.

Yours sincerely

Michael Dawson

Quoting mick.dawson@theharbourview.co.uk: 13/01/20

1 Attachment: 8DLL.pdf (108 KB)

Dear Emma,

I answered a call today from a Mr Keith Palmer on 01914271240 and we spoke about UK Docks. Judging from the email address he gave me, I guess he must be your office manager in South Shields and from our conversation I gathered he did not wish to consider any further correspondence from me and suggested that because I now lived away you/he would not be able to deal with correspondence because of parliamentary rules. You and I both know this to be nonsense as the shed is on your patch.

He hinted at, expensive litigation, vexatious complaints and presenting new evidence to the LGO which shows he has been warned off helping me by an official at the Town Hall which in turn goes back to the attempt by the CLP to deselect you.

What I really needed from you was your support and Mr Palmer has indicated by our exchange over the phone that he is not prepared to give it. At the end of the day the Council are misusing the Ombudsman's Office to hide malpractice then use their findings to deflect any enquirers after the truth.

I understood from Mr Palmer that this was no longer a matter for Parliament but I think it is. Only Parliament can make it a criminal offence to lie to the Ombudsman. I have attached a copy of the letter from my Solicitor for Mr Palmer's perusal and he would do well to read the email to Customer Advocacy 03 September 2016 at the foot of the trail below. Incidentally it was passed back to Mrs Johnson and was not dealt with by Customer Advocacy. If it still exists it is lying unattended on a file.

In future, shall I just copy Mr Palmer any correspondence about UK Docks so he can place it in the file for reference?

Kind regards

Michael

Quoting mick.dawson@theharbourview.co.uk: 24-Dec-19

Dear Emma,

Thank you for responding to my email to Angela and the offer of help.

Apologies for using your home email address but I wanted you to know where I'm at with the Council and Parliament does not sit until 7-Jan-20.

At the end of the day the abuse of the Ombudsman's Office by Council hiding malpractice can only be addressed by Parliament, and that was why I tried to keep Stephen Hepburn up to date, though how much notice he took, I do not know. If you could get Kate Osborne interested it would be very helpful as it I imagine it would take a lot more to shut the pair of you up rather than just you. I take it the attempt to get you deselected had something to do with this.

I cannot really write to her directly as it would just get referred back to Anne-Marie Trevelyan and I really think she is not that interested, though she should be. I hope to be back in touch when Parliament resits.

Congratulations in retaining your seat. All the best for the New Year.

Kind regards,
Michael.

Quoting Emma Lewell-Buck <lewellbucke@gmail.com>: 23-Dec-19

Good afternoon Mick,

I am aware Angela and David are dealing with this, please can you let me know if there is anything needed from me.

Best wishes, hope you have a lovely Christmas

Emma

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