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Dear Ms Barlow,

Thank you for your letters in relation to alleged misconduct on the part of myself.

You will hopefully appreciate that as a well known local businessman I believe it is important for me to present myself in a personable and professional way at all times and this includes when I am representing the Council or on Council duties. Accordingly, if there are ways I can improve in the way I do things I am always keen to have these drawn to my attention.

On this basis, please can you provide further detail to me on the following matters detailed in your letter:-.

1. You say you have two complaints.

Who raised these complaints?

2. You say that in relation to the 3 February 2016 meeting I spoke inappropriately and that you have sought the advice of the independent person.

What exactly is it that I said which is claimed to be inappropriate?

In seeking the views of the independent person how have you conveyed to them the full context of what I said including whether I asked questions or made statements and whether if questions any answers given elicited an immediate apology?

Further to the above, how have you conveyed to the independent person that Cllr Thomas said that in relation to the Mayor's Housing Strategy the "amendment that is on the table

*tonight...comes from... the Lead Housing Officer Liam Montgomery... what should have been there that hasn't made the final cut... what should have been there that isn't there... an officer's piece of work not a political amendment". Have you conveyed to them that this appears to contradict a subsequent e-mail sent by the Chief Executive to all Councillors?*

3. You say that in relation to the One Big Weekend I stated incorrect facts about the Council's decision making process.

What exactly did I state which is claimed to be inaccurate?

Further to this who has determined what did happen? To the extent there is a report into the Council's failure to secure the One Big Weekend please can I have a copy so that I can appraise myself of it?

Subsequent to writing the above I have also noted that a 3 hour meeting with you has been placed in my diary. Please could you also set out to me the purpose and attendees to such a meeting? To the extent the intention is to consider any disciplinary matters please could you set out to me the relevant Standing Orders in our Constitution which apply?

I look forward to your response,

Yours sincerely

Richard Haddock