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Our ref: MO/HGL/2022/C23



To: Cllr Peter Faithfull

Email: [REDACTED]

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Dear Cllr Faithfull

**Complaint Ref: 2020/C23**  
**Subject Member: Councillor Peter Faithfull**

I refer to the complaint made against you that you allegedly failed to comply with East Devon District Council's Code of Conduct.

In summary, it is alleged that at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 you failed to declare your interests appropriately or at all contrary to paragraph 6.1.1 of the Code of Conduct. It is said that you referred to a local farmer who owned land that was due to be discussed, asked questions of the county council representative in relation to development that would affect that land and failed to make a clear declaration in that regard. It is also said that you should have declared a personal interest in relation to discussions about land for the relocation of the Primary School as you do at Town Council meetings.

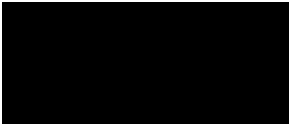
The Standards Assessment Sub Committee have considered the complaint in accordance with the Council's adopted complaint handling procedure and have decided that there should be no further action in relation to the complaint because there is insufficient evidence of a breach of the Code of Conduct and the declaration requirements therein. More specifically, you did not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in the matter being discussed at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> August and nor could the matter under discussion be said to directly relate to or affect the finances or well-being of you or one of your other registerable interests or a relative. You were asked in the meeting whether the local farmer you referred to as knowing was a close associate and you confirmed he wasn't. This was reiterated in the response to the complaint. There is no evidence to suggest that the local farmer was / is a close associate of yours. Accordingly the final aspect of the declaration requirements is not engaged and hence the conclusion that there is insufficient evidence of a breach.

Consequently, the complaint has been closed and no further action will be taken in relation to it. You are entitled to have a copy of this decision published on our website if you would like to. Please can you confirm if this is the case, otherwise the complaint will remain confidential.

If you have any queries about the process please contact me or Anita Williams on [REDACTED] or by email, [REDACTED] (Deputy Monitoring Officer).

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Yours sincerely



Henry Gordon Lennox  
Monitoring Officer