



# Basingstoke and Deane

## **BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL** **DECISION NOTICE**

### **DECISION NOTICE: COMPLAINT DISMISSED**

**Reference: 044216**

**Complainant: Ms K Chudley**

**Subject Member: Councillor Ian Tilbury**

On 13 February 2018, the Deputy Monitoring Officer and Independent Standards Assessor considered a complaint from Ms K Chudley concerning the alleged conduct of Councillor Ian Tilbury, a member of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

A general summary of the complaint is set out below:

At a meeting of the Laverstoke and Freefolk Parish council on the 11 April 2017, Councillor Tilbury made a comment about the planning status of a particular development.

### **Decision**

In accordance with the Arrangements, the Deputy Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Independent Standards Assessor, determined the following sub paragraphs of the Arrangements are applicable:

- 4.3 b) the complaint complained about happened more than six months ago
- 4.3 f) there is no evidence that the Code has been breached
- 4.3 i) the complaint is relatively minor

It was further determined that the complaint should be **Dismissed**

### **Reasons for decision**

The complaint was considered against the council's Code of Conduct and the arrangements for dealing with complaints against councillors. Pursuant to

paragraph 4.3 of the arrangements the Deputy Monitoring Officer determined the complaint should be dismissed for the following reasons:

1. The incident complained about took place in April 2017.
2. The remarks attributed to the councillor are reasonable and do not show any breach of the Code of Conduct.

This decision notice is sent to the person or persons making the allegation, the Member against whom the allegation was made

### **Right of Appeal**

There is no right of Appeal

**Signed *Marie Rosenthal*    Date 1 March 2018**  
**Deputy Monitoring Officer**

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Text  
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