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standards committee

Parish Council Member's Application for a Dispensation

To: Standards Committee, South Cambridgeshire District Council

Under Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000, a member who has a prejudicial interest in a matter which is under consideration may not participate in the consideration of that matter by the Parish Council unless he / she has first obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee of South Cambridgeshire District Council. The powers to grant a dispensation are governed by the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) (Dispensation) Regulations 2002. You may apply for a dispensation by completing this form and sending it to the Monitoring Officer of South Cambridgeshire District Council. Please do so as soon as you are aware of the possible conflict, before South Cambridgeshire District Council Standards Committee is due to meet and before the matter is due to be considered by the Parish Council. Please complete the attached form as fully as possible as the request for dispensation must be written and explain why the dispensation is desirable.

Please note that for Standards Committee to conclude that it is appropriate to grant a dispensation it must have regard to the reason for the request, the content of the written application and to all the other circumstances of the case.

If you are granted a dispensation, please note that the Standards Committee must be notified if the circumstances under which it was granted change.

Your Name and Parish Council / Meeting:

Damon Vyvian Gouldstone, Horseheath Parish Council.

What is the matter which is shortly to be considered and in respect of which you seek a dispensation?

Land availability for affordable housing and possible planning applications on 'exception' sites.

Is this matter to be considered by the Parish Council as a whole or by a sub-committee? If the latter please provide the name of the sub-committee.

The matter will be considered by the whole Parish Council.

What is the nature of your prejudicial interest?

There is vacant land, outside the village envelope, near, but not adjacent to my property.

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What is the date of the meeting at which this matter is to be considered?

There is no date the matter is ongoing.

The grounds for dispensation is that the number of Members of the body that are prohibited from participating in the business of the authority exceeds 50% of those Members that are entitled or required to so participate. Please provide details confirming this:

This is not applicable as no land is in question at the moment.

Do you seek a dispensation just for the one meeting or for a longer period? If longer, please state a period not exceeding four calendar years.

I seek dispensation for those meetings when discussions over land availability takes place.

Please set out below the reasons why you consider the Standards Committee should grant this dispensation:

I would not want to be excluded from such meetings. Horseheath is a very small village, where it would be difficult for any councillor not to be close to vacant land. I have no other property or land in this village, and hope that such discussions will take place before a full council.

D V Gouldstone (signature)

Signed: ...

..... Date: 10th November '09