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Dear Mrs Lacey

**Malfeasance in public office by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Parnaby
Unjust use of the planning system by senior council officers.**

Re:- Non disclosure of pecuniary interest, Arvato / Cllr. Parnaby, a formal complaint

Thank you for your excellent letter dated 26 June 2017, it was a welcome improvement on your previous letter which I so readily criticised. I have taken it that the 20 May date used on the first line was a typo and have changed it to that which I believe to be correct which is 12 June.

I do however vehemently disagree with your interpretation of the facts. For you to argue that Cllr. Parnaby has not been trying to keep his directorship secret from the public simply because it once appeared in some minutes of a meeting twelve years ago is naïve. His duty of openness in office does not extend to the public having to search for a needle in a haystack without even been told that there is a needle there in the first place. That's why we have a register of interests and that's why it's such a serious offence to misuse it.

Over the years others have brought up this Arvato situation and have been fobbed off with all sorts of excuses why Cllr. Parnaby does not have to declare it in the register. It would be very easy for some to accept his word however knowing him as I do I am aware of his deviousness. As close as we were for many years I stopped talking to him for 2 or 3 years because he once lied to me about cheating on his wife. I was not so concerned with his private affair but I will not be lied to. If he can lie so easily to a close friend he will have no problem lying to the council tax payers.

The other thing that bothered me was, when the dissatisfactory ERYC Arvato contract finished several years ago and was never intended to be renewed, why did Cllr Parnaby not resign his directorship with its associate company especially as he insists that he has never had a gallon of petrol or a free lunch out of his twelve years of employment with this company.

My interpretation of the regulations of disclosure

The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 under Citation, commencement and interpretation states “body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest means a body corporate of which the relevant person is a director”

Beneficial does not have to mean being showered with money as there are many other meanings of the word, for example, advantageous favourable helpful etc.

The Schedule in Regulation 2 then lists specified pecuniary interests as any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain. This as I have previously outlined means profit or gain for the organisation not the individual. Even if it did mean profit or gain for the individual again it would not necessarily have to be in monetary form as profit or gain could be any benefit, progress or advantage etc.

If the above is an accurate interpretation which I believe it is and Cllr Parnaby has not conformed with the rules then we can readily describe him as a devious lying cheat who should be marched out of County Hall.

Your interpretation of the regulations of disclosure

Your insistence that Cllr Parnaby is correct in not declaring his directorship of this company because he has never received any income, expenses or pension contributions during his twelve years of employment with this company is firstly unbelievable and secondly irrelevant as described in the above examples. Even if we were to believe Cllr Parnaby and accept that he has never received any income, expenses or pension contribution from his twelve years employment with this company (*its still not believable is it!*) and we also accept your incorrect definition of pecuniary, he would still have to declare it as it then comes under any private interests, both pecuniary and non-pecuniary which are also declarable.

If my assessment of your interpretation is correct which again I believe it is and Cllr Parnaby has not conformed with the rules then we can again describe him as a devious lying cheat who should be marched out of County Hall.

The evidence of Arvato Company accounts

All accusations and questions put to Cllr Parnaby have resulted in either being completely ignored because they are true and cannot be denied or receive a vague reply that is designed to mislead and evade the real issue.

In my many letters on the Arvato non-disclosure Cllr Parnaby and you have constantly reiterated that he does not and never has had any income or expenses from 12 years in office. This is of course completely unbelievable but firstly we should look carefully at the wording of the replies.

Extensive searching of many of the different Arvato company accounts at Companies House has exposed the secret that we are not supposed to find out about. It appears that probably most Arvato companies do not pay their own directors, they are paid by other associate companies and because there are many of them it is not easy to find which associate company pays which director. The only thing we can be sure about is that they will all get their emoluments from somewhere. I have searched several of these companies and so far they all appear to mislead in this way.

Arvato Government Services Limited lists Cllr Parnaby as one of only three directors and the accounts state on the page 16 of the Annual Report 31 December 2016:- (see copy attached)

“Directors emoluments are borne by another group company”

It does not state *emoluments for one director*, it does not state *emoluments for two directors*, and it does not state *emoluments for some directors*. It is a clear verification that Cllr Parnaby is paid for his employment as a director of Arvato Government Services Limited and no matter which criterion of the rules you chose to accept **this is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest** and it is a criminal offence not to include it in the register of interests.

You cannot get any more black and white than an official record filed at Companies House which proves that Parnaby is a devious lying cheat who has been fooling the council tax payers for twelve years and should be marched out of County Hall forthwith

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Yours sincerely

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