

**APPENDIX**

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Dear Mr Chambers

Re Standards Committee

I write in response to the recent advertisement requesting applications from members of the public to participate in the new standards committee. I feel that I have the skills and knowledge necessary to enable me to contribute to the effectiveness of this new committee.

I am currently employed by Group 4 Total Security as Operations Director for the south. I have responsibility for a business unit with an annual turnover of £53m and over 4,000 employees. In my executive management role I am responsible for ensuring the company operates and conforms to legislative and company policies and procedures.

The guiding principles under which I work include honesty, integrity, fairness, consistency and respect for individuals, compassion and humour.

During my fifteen years with Group 4 I have gained experience in investigation, disciplinary and counselling techniques.

I have no particular allegiance to any political party or group, rather I tend to support those people who I feel can contribute to making this country a better place to live in.

I am 42 years old and a single parent to two teenage children. The fact that my children are becoming more independent has allowed me to consider outside interests such as this committee.

Finally should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Chambers

**Buckinghamshire County Council: Standards Committee**

We spoke on the telephone this week about the forthcoming appointments of two local people to this Committee and you invited me to submit an application to fill one of them.

As I mentioned, I am a retired diplomat (now aged 68) with an interest in County, District and Town affairs. My last appointments in the Diplomatic Service were as Deputy (and for considerable periods, Acting) High Commissioner in Bangladesh 1985 – 87 and as HM Consul-General in Munich 1988 – 1992. During one period of my career at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office I was concerned with ensuring that aspects of the in-house codes for financial propriety in connection with diplomatic privilege were correctly observed by members of the Service. Following my retirement in 1992, I became the UK Trade Representative of two German Chambers of Commerce for four years.

In recent years I have been active in local environmental groups, including the CPRE, and that work has brought me in contact with the various tiers of local government authorities in the County. I am probably the only non County Council individual who has studied all five volumes of the County Council's Local Transport Plan 2001 – 2005 and I can generally hold my own on planning and transportation issues and on Government guidance to local authorities on Best Value and Consultation. I enjoy the research and discussion that acquiring in-depth knowledge of such issues entail.

I should mention that in order to promote local environmental issues at Beaconsfield Town and South Bucks District level, albeit on a strictly apolitical basis, I stood as an Independent candidate in the 1998 local government elections. I was unsuccessful and have since served my short

connection with the local Beaconsfield Independent Electors Association. I am not a member of any political party.

I shall be glad to provide any further information you may require.

Yours sincerely

AF Blake-Pauley