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Dear Councillor Wrangles,

I am contacting you regarding the recent email you sent to Mrs Jill Stevens at the Planning Office of East Herts District Council (attached). In this email you state that you were contacted by Mr and Mrs Read of [REDACTED], and asked to visit their house to discuss the planning application which I have submitted for an extension to my property.


In your email to Mrs Stevens you make a number of statements in regard to the application and then conclude with the statement: "I give my full support to Mr & Mrs Read, in refusing this application." I note that at the end of the second paragraph you ask Mrs Stevens a question; namely, "will the extension be right up to the boundary line?" From this I conclude that you have not actually inspected the deposited plans yourself.

It has always been my understanding that Ward Councillors are expected to represent the interests of all their constituents equally and impartially. If a Councillor chooses to become involved in the issues affecting a specific planning application, then I would have thought it only reasonable for that Councillor to discuss the matter with all the parties concerned, inspect the deposited plans, and then make a balanced and impartial judgement. I consider it totally unacceptable for you to have issued your email to Mrs Stevens without having first given me the opportunity to discuss the matter with you and show you the site of the proposed extension.

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Regards

Chris Sheail

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