

Mr C. Bury,



12-05-2023

Mr Paul Walker,  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Herefordshire Council,  
Plough Lane,  
HR4 0LE.

Dear Mr Walker,

I have established, through an exhaustive process and assertive correspondences from Herefordshire Council to the Investigatory Powers Tribunal (IPT), as well as aggressive letters sent to me from your solicitors Mr Sean O'Connor and Ms Claire Porter, that Herefordshire Council lacked any form of authorisation, including Court Orders or RIPA permissions, for the council's recurrent and prolonged visits to my website and social media, during the period spanning 2017 to 2024, while repeatedly harassing, attempting to intimidate and issuing threats.

Further, Herefordshire Council's deceptive statement to the IPT, despite irrefutable evidence to the contrary, denies the verifiable and repeated access by Council workers to my website and social media, some of which circumvented network or security protocols to do so while copying data.

Furthermore, in a separate and earlier communication, Ms Porter declared monitoring of my social media would continue, without lawful authorisation, despite security restrictions in effect and council statements, as has been clarified to have occurred. Once again, ignoring policies and guidance.

Additionally, the council's statement to the IPT alleged and inferred that councillors each received 145 emails regarding this matter, as referenced in the Investigatory Powers Tribunal Notice of Decision letter (point 6).

I also note that my Council Tax application part for rebate has not received a response to date. Despite knowing of the mishandling and deleting of my data, your colleagues took four years, all but one month to address my application for reduction alone. Failing, under The Equality Act, to make a reasonable adjustment during this time, while my request for transcripts of phone calls has also been ignored to date.

Therefore, please kindly provide the following which I am entitled to:

- True copies of all 145 individual emails declared to be sent to and received by councillors regarding this matter referred to in the statement letter of response to the Investigatory Powers Tribunal and Notice of Decision letter (point 6).
- True copies of all emails received by each councillors requesting their help in obtaining authorizations including Court Orders held by Herefordshire Council for the repeated visits and monitoring of my website and social media.
- Confirmation and delivery report displaying all 145 individual alleged emails were delivered to each councillor recipient regarding my request for assistance regarding obtaining authorisations of the Council's repeated visits and data collection from my website and social media platforms.
- Details of the external IP address used for visits by Herefordshire Council, including via your service provider (Hoople) to my website and social media from the 20th of November 2022 to the 12th of September 2023 (point 15) associated with the private network address 10.10.18.13.
- All communications and records, internal and external, that refer to me, my website or my social media accounts from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2021 to the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- As previously requested in my letters, including the 10th of January 2023, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024, please also supply the following information that I am entitled to under The General Data Protection Regulation 2018. All recordings or transcripts referred to in Mr Darren Birch's (Benefits Team Leader) letter dated 6th January 2023; as these have distressfully been neglected to be provided to date.

Finally, I urge you to acknowledge the submitted Investigatory Powers Tribunal leave to appeal form, a copy of which was dispatched to you personally via email on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2024.

Sincerely



Mr Chris Bury