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23 -03-2025

Mr Sean O'Connor,
Head of Legal Services,
Herefordshire Council,
Plough Lane,
HR4 0LE.

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 5 March 2025, which yet again fails to address the serious concerns raised in my previous correspondence. Your continued pattern of deflection, obstruction, and misrepresentation is not only professionally negligent but also constitutes a serious ethical violation under the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) Code of Conduct.

1. Your Duty as a Solicitor & Breach of Professional Standards

As a solicitor, you are legally bound by the SRA Principles, which require you to:

- Act with integrity (*SRA Principle 5*).
- Uphold public trust and confidence in the profession (*SRA Principle 2*).
- Not mislead or attempt to mislead (*SRA Code of Conduct, 1.4*).
- Follow the law and regulation governing your work (*SRA Code of Conduct, 7.1*).

You have violated these obligations by:

- Knowingly obstructing my Subject Access Requests (SARs) by falsely misclassifying them as a Freedom of Information (FOI) request and declaring them vexatious—denying me access to evidence required for Investigatory Powers Tribunal (IPT) proceedings and harming my legal redress.
- Repeatedly evading accountability, refusing to substantively respond to legitimate concerns—including evidence of unlawful surveillance of my website and social media.

- Gaslighting and misleading by falsely claiming that I had sent "143/145 emails to councillors" (depending on your correspondence reviewed), a claim I have verified to be demonstrably false.

Your deliberate misrepresentations and refusal to engage transparently will be formally raised with the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA).

2. Subject Access Request (SAR) Obstruction & GDPR Breaches

You conveniently ignore the critical distinction between two separate SARs:

1. The SAR referenced in my [redacted] February 2025 letter.
2. The SARs you personally obstructed, falsely labelling it as an FOI request, then declaring it vexatious—a blatant attempt to prevent me from obtaining supporting evidence for legal proceedings.

Your deliberate misclassification was a clear breach of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018, as already clarified by the Information **Commissioner's Office (ICO)**.

The above does not include an earlier SAR, which you deliberately obstructed, failing to secure the requested evidence data, knowing, as a solicitor, it would harm and severely impact a tribunal outcome and my legal redress.

3. Unlawful Surveillance & Your Failure to Provide Justification

You falsely claim that my concerns regarding repeated, unlawful monitoring of my website and social media have been "fully responded to." This is categorically untrue.

- You have never provided a lawful justification for this surveillance.
- You previously confirmed that no legal authority existed for this monitoring.
- You **wrongfully labelled me 'vexatious'** for making inquiries, pursuing supporting evidential data, and writing to councillors for assistance—actions that are fully within my legal and democratic rights.

Your attempt to suppress legitimate concerns by issuing vexatious designations directly conflicts with democratic freedoms and data protection laws.

4. False and Misleading Information in Your Response

Yours and Ms Claire Porter's misrepresentation of facts remains a recurring issue. Specifically:

- You falsely stated I had sent "143/145 emails to councillors"—a claim I have now disproven.
- You claimed Herefordshire Council had not received my letter regarding the proposed towing of my vehicle from private land, yet:
    - A council officer visited my address referencing my letter.
    - A council sticker was placed on my vehicle.

This raises three serious possibilities:

1. The Council has once again mishandled data, or
2. Council staff engaged in yet another instance of harassment, or
3. A fraudulent individual posing as a council officer is operating in the area.

Your failure to address this serious discrepancy is both negligent and deeply concerning.

5. Your Continued Obstruction & the Chief Executive's Failure to Engage

You claim that Herefordshire Council is "under no obligation" to provide a direct response from Chief Executive Paul Walker.

While there may be no legal requirement, given the severity of the **Council's misconduct**, his continued refusal to engage personally reflects a culture of unaccountability and institutional evasion.

I will continue to demand a direct response, not a delegated, evasive reply from a solicitor who has already demonstrated dishonesty and obstruction.

Given your continued misconduct, I am escalating this matter as follows:

1. Filing a formal complaint with the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) regarding your obstruction of legal rights, misrepresentation of SARs, and repeated ethical breaches.
2. **Raising a complaint with the Information Commissioner's** Office (ICO) regarding **Herefordshire Council's GDPR**

violations and punitive handling of electronic communications.
3. Exploring further legal action regarding your role in blocking access to evidence required for IPT redress to the Court of Appeal.

I will serve formal notice on you and other relevant parties at a time of my choosing, and not one driven by you, once I am fully prepared to do so.

Your persistent efforts to stonewall, mislead, gaslight, and obstruct will not deter me from ensuring full accountability.

I now demand:

- A clear and substantive response to the specific issues raised in this letter.
- Immediate confirmation that you will cease obstructing my legal rights and ensure that future SARs are handled lawfully and transparently.
- A direct response from Paul Walker, as requested multiple times.

Failure to provide an adequate response will only serve as further evidence of misconduct for the SRA, ICO, and other regulatory bodies.

I expect a formal acknowledgment of this letter and a meaningful response from Mr Walker and you—not another dismissive and evasive reply.

Sincerely



Mr C. Bury

cc: Mr. Paul Walker, Chief Executive, Herefordshire Council