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**01 October 2018**

**Sent by email on 3 October 2018**

**STRICTLY PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Dear Ms Hopkins

**Complaints of electoral offences by Councillor Rebecca Standish**

I am writing this letter to you in your capacity of Electoral Registration Officer of EHDC. In doing so I am reporting and asking you to take appropriate action concerning a number of electoral offences which I believe have been committed by Cllr Rebecca Standish, either on her own account or jointly with her husband, Mr Nigel Standish.

You have, of course, already received correspondence from me concerning possible offences by Cllr Standish under S.34 of the Localism Act 2011. I first raised this with you in my letter of 7 March 2018 which you quite correctly passed to Ms Lydia Morrison who as the S.151 Officer is responsible for investigation of matters such as this in accordance with the Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy.

On Sunday 29 July 2018 I sent to Ms Morrison, copied to you, an email which included a Report dated 29 July 2018 (the "Report"). The Report, a copy of which is enclosed for ease of reference, contained a summary of the evidence then in my possession concerning possible criminal offences and breaches of the Code of Conduct by Cllr Standish. It included a summary of some of the electoral offences which I believe have been committed by Cllr Standish.

I now wish to explain how Cllr Standish has committed a number of electoral offences going back to approximately the time when Cllr Standish was elected as a District Councillor in May 2015. Essentially Cllr Standish has failed on every occasion since and including 2015 to provide the information asked for in the annual electoral registration form for the property which she occupies. More importantly in the same

period she or her husband have knowingly provided false information regarding the residents entitled to vote at another property owned by them, and presently used for business purposes.

You have recently sent out this year's electoral registration form to all occupiers by letter dated 03/09/2018. It says in the paragraph immediately above your signature that "It is a legal requirement to provide the information requested; if you don't you could be fined £1,000."

The first paragraph of the Declaration to be made by the signatory in Section 5 of the form reads as follows:-

I currently live at this address. To the best of my knowledge, the information in this form is true. I have checked with everybody on the form that the information about them is correct I understand that the information I have given on this form will be used on the electoral register. I understand that it may be an offence to fail to provide the information asked for in this form and if convicted I may be fined up to £1000 I understand that it is an offence knowingly to provide false information in this form and if convicted I may be imprisoned for up to six months and/or face an unlimited fine.

The last paragraph of Section 5 reads as follows:-

If an occupier cannot complete this form (e.g, nobody lives at this address) the person who is in charge of the property must complete it instead. Please tell us who you are e.g. landlord.

The offences committed by Cllr Standish arise from information provided or not provided by her or her husband concerning those in residence since 2015 at Sweet Briar Farm, Weavers Down, Liphook, Hampshire, GU30 7PE and at "The Lodge" or "Foley Lodge" which is the Lodge to the Foley Estate, Liphook, Hampshire GU30 7JF.

Sweet Briar Farm is a property immediately adjacent to Old Thorns Hotel which was acquired by Cllr Standish and her husband on 20 May 1998 and is still owned by them. Mr and Mrs Standish lived at Sweet Briar Farm with their two children, Marcus (born June 1992) and Francesca (born 1994) until they moved to Lake House, Bell Vale Lane, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 3DW which was acquired by Spiral Gold Limited, a British Virgin Islands company, in 2005. Apparently Mr and Mrs Standish have said that they are the owners of Lake House through an off-shore trust.

I understand that after 2005 Sweet Briar Farm was either let out or used as staff accommodation for Old Thorns where Cllr Standish was the events manager. Later, possibly from about 2010, Sweet Briar Farm has been advertised and let out as a holiday rental through various holiday rental websites. Prominent among these have been the Owners Direct and more recently the Home Away websites. The dates when the property is booked and when it is available are shown on the website. Sweet Briar Farm has been heavily booked in recent years, especially at weekends. The website

describes the owners (identified as Nigel and Rebecca Standish) as "a professional couple who live a few miles from the property".

A few miles from Sweet Briar Farm is Foley Lodge where Cllr Standish and her husband have lived since before Cllr Standish was elected as an EHDC councillor in May 2015. Mr and Mrs Standish left Lake House in about 2013 following the catastrophic failure and liquidation of a company called Nomi-Call Limited in which Mr Standish was a founder member in 2003. In 2013 Mr and Mrs Standish also failed in their appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the building of a substantial house on land south of Lake House. Since then Lake House has been vacant or let for use by various businesses.

According to the 192 website Mr and Mrs Standish and their daughter, Francesca, were on the 2013 Electoral Roll at 4 Montreal Walk, Liphook, Hampshire GU30 7TE. That property was acquired by the present owners in November 2013. At some time before the EHDC election in May 2015 Mr and Mrs Standish and Francesca moved into Foley Lodge, which is situated immediately adjacent to Bohunt Manor. Attached as **Tab A** is a plan of Bohunt Manor showing Foley Lodge marked with an "X".

Foley Lodge has been owned by Mr (Francis) Richard Northcott since 1988. (See **Tab 2** - Land Registry entries taken on 9 July 2018). Mr Northcott is also the sole shareholder of The Foley Pub Company Ltd which is the owner of the Deers Hut gastro-pub where Cllr Standish works as a pastry chef. I have been told that Cllr Standish has also provided catering facilities to guests or clients of Mr Northcott for a number of years. Electoral roll entries show that Foley Lodge was occupied by a Mr and Mrs Jackson until 2006 and that from 2008 until 2014 it was occupied by Briony E Scarsbrook. It would seem that Mr Northcott entered into an agreement with Cllr Standish and her husband that they could live in Foley Lodge shortly after Briony Scarsbrook left the property.

The direct evidence that Cllr Standish and her husband have been living at Foley Lodge since at least April 2015 is as follows:-

- (i) When delivering election leaflets before the EHDC election in May 2015 Cllr Eddie Trotter saw Mrs Standish at Foley Lodge. Shortly afterwards he saw a young lady there of the same age as Francesca Standish.
- (ii) In July 2016 Francesca Standish was put on the Electoral Roll at The Lodge; in the same month Mr Northcott was put on the Electoral Roll at Foley Manor.
- (iii) On Saturday 22 April 2017 I was campaigning and leaflet dropping in the Hampshire County Council elections for May 2017. I had found that Francesca Standish was registered at The Lodge (and also at Sweet Briar

Farm for a postal vote). I therefore knocked on the door and asked if Francesca Standish was there. The door was answered by Nigel Standish who said that his daughter would be back after the weekend. (That was the first time I had met Mr Standish, so we did not recognize each other at the time).

- (iv) The car used by Cllr Standish is kept in the designated parking space beside The Lodge and can be seen there by anyone passing on the driveway to the Foley Estate. The car is a silver and black Mini-Cooper estate with registration no. HY08JUK.

Attached as **Tab 3** is a compendium of Electoral Roll entries for Cllr Standish, her husband and children taken from the 192 website. It includes all the entries for them on the website for the family members in Liphook or Haslemere since 2002, and all the entries for them anywhere from 2015 to 2018. For clarity I have marked each shaded entry with an X.

It will be seen that from 2015, 2017 and 2018 all four members of the family were registered at Sweet Briar Farm. However as explained above none of them were living there because the property was being used continuously for holiday rental accommodation. Mr and Mrs Standish were in fact living at Foley Lodge for most or all of that period and Francesca Standish was living there as well, when she was not at university. Marcus Standish was also registered for 2017 and 2018 at 5 Mabel Grove, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire NG2 5GT.

That means that whichever of Mr and Mrs Standish filled in the Electoral Registration forms knowingly provided false information. In the case of their son, Marcus, this had the effect that in the last two years he could have voted in two places, in Liphook or in Nottingham, where he presumably lives.

What should have happened is that section 4 of the form should have been completed for Sweet Briar Farm in the period from 2015 to now because there was no one at this address who was eligible to vote. Using the options offered in the current form whoever completed the form should have either ticked the box for "This is solely a business premises" or the box for "Other reason", stating the reason that the property was being used for holiday rental. In either event this may have had an effect on the council tax or business rates payable to EHDC.

At Foley Lodge it appears that neither Cllr Standish or her husband, or Mr Richard Northcott as owner of the property, can have provided any information about who was living at the property since and including 2015. There was no information on the Electoral Roll in use at the time of the County Council and General elections in May and June 2017, except for the registration of Francesca Standish following her addition to the Electoral Roll in July 2016. The responsibility to complete the forms would have

fallen on Mr and Mrs Standish as occupiers, but they failed to provide the information asked for in this form. As with Sweet Briar Farm this could have had an effect on the council tax payable in respect of the property.

In this context you may recall that I discovered during the election campaigns (where Cllr Eddie Trotter was the JAC Party candidate in the County Council election and my wife, Cllr Susan Jerrard, was the party's candidate for East Hampshire in the General Election) that Francesca Standish was registered at Foley Lodge and also for a postal vote at Sweet Briar Farm. I enclose a copy of a letter which I sent to you about this immediately before the General Election. This is marked as **Tab 4**.

As explained in that letter I had a meeting at the Electoral Commission on 25 April 2018 with the Enforcement Manager about other matters concerning undeclared election expenses and donations elsewhere in Hampshire. I took the opportunity to mention what I had just found out about the two registrations for Francesca Standish and was advised to raise it with you as Returning Officer for the elections. I was too busy with the management of the various elections in which the JAC Party had candidates at that time but did so in my letter of 6 June 2017.

I was handed a reply to that letter from Tom Horwood when I delivered some election expenses returns to the election office on 16 June 2017. A copy of Mr Horwood's letter is attached as **Tab 5**. In that letter Mr Horwood confirms that Francesca Standish was registered at The Lodge in 2016 and explained that she was removed from The Lodge on 18 May 2017 and subsequently registered for a proxy vote at Sweet Briar Farm. Mr Horwood therefore reassured me and my wife that there was no possibility of Francesca Standish having two votes in the General Election. However Lianne Richards, the Elections Manager, pointed out to me that Ms Standish could have voted twice in the County Council election.

It was also concerning that Miss Standish was registered for a proxy vote at Sweet Briar Farm, because she did not live there, as explained above. She was living at Foley Lodge with her parents so it was the registration at Sweet Briar Farm which should have been cancelled, not the one at Foley Lodge.

It was also very concerning that the changes to the Electoral Roll were apparently made on 18 May 2017, just two days after I had pointed out what had happened at a meeting with DI Tobin about my allegation of offences by Cllr Standish in breach of s.34 of the Localism Act 2011. It would frankly appear that DI Tobin and DS Cooper, who was the investigating officer, were covering up what had happened in collusion with the Monitoring Officer, Mr Nick Leach, with whom they were in contact.

The reason for what actually happened is quite clear. If the registration for Miss Standish at Sweet Briar Farm had been cancelled so should the registrations for Mr

and Mrs Standish and their son Marcus. That would then have been an admission by Mr and Mrs Standish that they had provided false information at Sweet Briar Farm and failed to give the proper information at Foley Lodge.

Of course there was another reason why Cllr Standish would not admit that she was living at Foley Lodge. That is because it would have revealed that she was living in a house owned by Mr Richard Northcott. It is Cllr Standish's extensive financial and contractual relationships with Mr Northcott which prove the multiple offences by her under the Localism Act 2011, as set out in the Report. It is also very disturbing that the report which DS Cooper eventually produced as late as April 2018 about his investigations in May 2017 revealed that then Cllr Jane Ives had advised Cllr Standish to disclose her employment by Mr Northcott at the Deers Hut and on a freelance basis. Cllr Ives was helping to cover up the extent of Cllr Standish's financial dependence on Mr Northcott which debarred her from being a member of any committee (such as the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group) which might be able to influence the outcome of Mr Northcott's extensive development proposals.

At that time Mrs Ives may not have known that Cllr Standish also lived in a house owned by Mr Northcott, which she had not and still has not declared as a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI). If that is the case she also may not have known that the house where Cllr Standish lives is immediately adjacent to the Bohunt Manor Estate so its value would be affected by the outcome of the proposals currently submitted for the development of the Bohunt Manor Estate in the future. That may be the explanation for the malicious complaints made against me for breaches of the Code of Conduct by Cllr Ives and other friends of Cllr Standish.

The issues concerning the failure of Cllr Standish to declare her DPIs on her Declaration of Interests form and at meetings of the NDP Steering Group are being dealt with by the consideration by Mrs Morrison of the evidence contained in the Report. The present status of that is shown by an email which was sent to me by Mrs Haveron on 26 September 2018 reading as follows: -

"Dear Cllr Jerrard

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email and the evidence that you have provided. This is being looked at and you will be hearing from Mrs Morrison shortly.  
with best wishes

Cynthia

Cynthia Haveron - Democratic Services Officer  
East Hampshire District Council, Penns Place, Petersfield, GU31 4EX"

I shall therefore send a copy of this letter to Mrs Morrison and to Mrs Haveron so they can understand the present position.

However as I explained at the outset this letter concerns the electoral offences which I believe have been committed by Cllr Rebecca Standish, either on her own account or jointly with her husband, Mr Nigel Standish. I am asking you in your capacity of Electoral Registration Officer of EHDC to tell me what steps you will take to fully investigate and take appropriate action concerning about these matters and as is required by the Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy.

I am not sure which body is responsible for the investigation of the electoral offences which I have drawn to your attention. It was explained to me by the Electoral Commission's Enforcement Manager when I discussed this with her on 25 April 2017 that some offences fall within the remit of the Electoral Commission but others are a police matter. I shall therefore also copy this letter to the Electoral Commission and to PC Lucy Ryan who has been my principal point of contact on these various matters. I am aware that PC Ryan was expected back on duty yesterday having been off-duty for the last three weeks or so.

Finally I must repeat that the bullying and intimidation that I and others, especially Cllr Eddie Trotter, have been subjected to for raising these serious matters has been completely unacceptable. It has seriously damaged our health and is ultimately your responsibility as Chief Executive of the Council. Despite our repeated requests to be involved in the independent investigation which we had been told would be undertaken by the Independent Monitoring Officer he (or she) has never made any attempt to contact any of us as we were told would happen.

I remain, as I always have been, ready and willing to meet with you or with another senior officer, such as Mrs Morrison, in an attempt to bring this terrible state of affairs to a conclusion as soon and as efficiently as possible. However I must insist that you inform me what you intend to do to investigate and take appropriate action concerning the electoral offences and other matters which I have brought to your attention.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and I look forward to hearing further from you in due course.

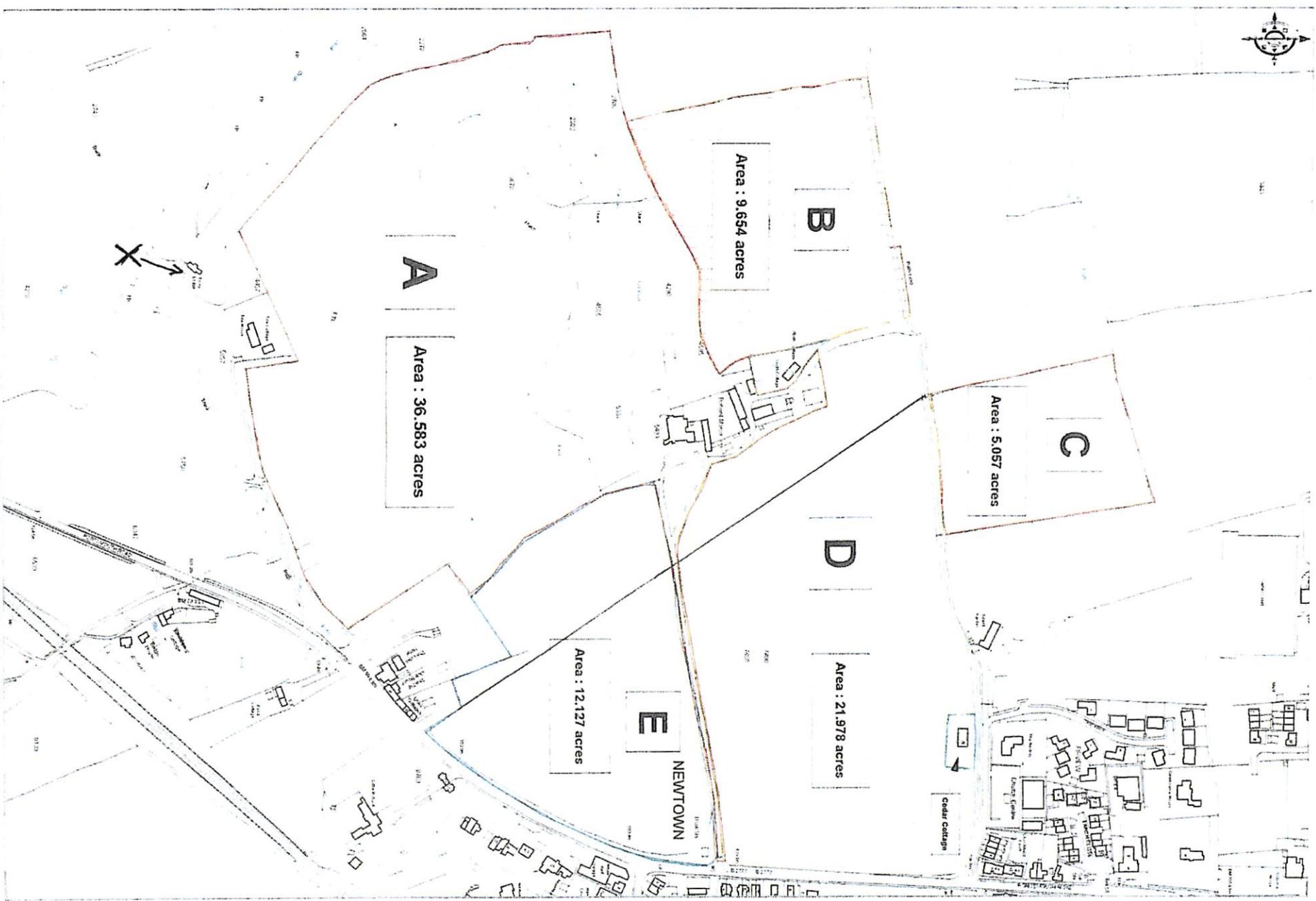
Yours sincerely

Cllr Don Jerrard



## Bohunt Manor, Liphook

Tab 1



Title Number : HP59738

This title is dealt with by HM Land Registry, Weymouth Office.

The following extract contains information taken from the register of the above title number. A full copy of the register accompanies this document and you should read that in order to be sure that these brief details are complete.

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REGISTER EXTRACT

Title Number	: HP59738
	<i>Foley hodge</i>
Address of Property	: Part of the Foley Manor Estate, Bramshott
Price Stated	: Not Available
Registered Owner(s)	: FRANCIS RICHARD NORTHCOTT of Foley Manor, Liphook, Bramshott Hants.
Lender(s)	: Lloyds Bank PLC

# Title number HP59738

This is a copy of the register of the title number set out immediately below, showing the entries in the register on 9 JUL 2018 at 17:34:29. This copy does not take account of any application made after that time even if still pending in HM Land Registry when this copy was issued.

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## A: Property Register

This register describes the land and estate comprised in the title.

### HAMPSHIRE : EAST HAMPSHIRE

1 (08.02.1945) The Freehold land shown edged with red on the plan of the above Title filed at the Registry and being Part of the Foley Manor Estate, Bramshott.

2 The mines and minerals are excepted as to the part of the land tinted pink on the filed plan.

3 The land has the benefit of the following rights granted by a Transfer of the land in this title and other land dated 18 March 1968 made between (1) Vernon Francis Northcott (Transferor) and (2) Kenneth William George Webb and Alfred Lapthorn Blake (Transferees):-

"TOGETHER WITH full right and liberty for the Transferees and their successors in title and persons authorised by them in common with the Transferor and all other persons having the like right with or without vehicles at all times and for all purposes connected with the use and enjoyment of the property hereby transferred to pass and repass over and along all roads ways and paths now or at any time hereafter passing over the adjoining land retained by the Transferor and shown edged green on the plan attached hereto and such other rights in the nature of easements or quasi easements as would have existed for the benefit of the land hereby transferred over the land retained had the same been in separate ownership for the requisite number of years."

NOTE: The land edged green referred to is edged blue on the filed plan.

4 The land has the benefit of the following rights granted by but is subject to the following rights reserved by the Transfer of the land tinted mauve dated 1 March 1965 referred to in the Charges Register:-

"EXCEPT AND RESERVING unto the Transferor and his successors in title and assigns in fee simple all rights privileges in the nature of light air and support drainage and passage and other like rights and privileges hitherto used and enjoyed in connection with the Transferor's Foley Manor Estate to or from over or through the property hereby transferred."

5 The land edged and numbered in green on the filed plan has been removed from this title and registered under the title number or numbers shown in green on the said plan.

6 The land has the benefit of the following rights granted by but is subject to the following rights reserved by the Transfer of the land edged and numbered HP276454 in green on the filed plan dated 3 April 1985 referred to in the Charges Register:-

"1. The right to use for all proper purposes connected with the remainder of the land comprised in Title number HP59738 any sewers drains watercourses pipes cables wires or other channels or conductors now laid or during the period beginning with the date hereof for 80 years (which period shall be the perpetuity period applicable to this Transfer) to be laid in or under or over the Property hereby transferred with power at any time or times to enter thereupon for the purpose of making connections with repairing renewing maintaining or cleansing the same

2. All rights of drainage eavesdropping passage light air and water

## A: Property Register continued

and all liberties and advantages now used or enjoyed (whether as easements quasi easements or otherwise and whether or not continuous apparent or reasonably necessary) with the remainder of the land comprised Title Number HP59738."

- 7 (23.07.2010) The land has the benefit of the rights reserved by but is subject to the rights granted by a Transfer of the land edged and numbered SH31242 in green on the title plan and other land dated 3 April 2010 made between (1) Francis Richard Northcott and (2) William Higgins and Henry Edward Amherst Cecil.

-NOTE:-Copy filed under SH31242.

- 8 (13.04.2015) A new title plan based on the latest revision of the Ordnance Survey Map has been prepared.

## B: Proprietorship Register

This register specifies the class of title and identifies the owner. It contains any entries that affect the right of disposal.

### Title absolute

- 1 (20.05.1988) PROPRIETOR: FRANCIS RICHARD NORTHCOTT of Foley Manor, Liphook, Bramshott Hants.
- 2 (13.04.2015) RESTRICTION: No disposition of the part of the registered estate shown edged yellow on the title plan by the proprietor of the registered estate or by the proprietor of any registered charge, not being a charge registered before the entry of this restriction, is to be registered without a written consent signed by the proprietor for the time being of the Charge dated 10 April 2015 in favour of Lloyds Bank Plc referred to in the Charges Register.

## C: Charges Register

This register contains any charges and other matters that affect the land.

- 1 The land is subject to the following rights granted by a Transfer of the land tinted mauve on the filed plan dated 1 March 1965 made between (1) Vernon Francis Northcott (Transferor) and (2) Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company Limited (Transferee):-

"TOGETHER WITH full right and liberty for the Transferee its servants and licencees in common with the Transferor and all other persons having the like right with or without vehicles at all times and for all purposes connected with the use and enjoyment of the demised premises as a private dwellinghouse but not for any other purpose to pass and repass to and from the lands hereby transferred over and along the metalled roads and bridle path to the remaining lands hereby transferred (all which roads and paths are coloured brown on the said plan) AND TOGETHER WITH the benefit of the easements in respect of water electricity and telephone as at present enjoyed.

NOTE: The parts of the roads and bridle paths referred to included in this title are tinted blue and hatched blue on the filed plan.

- 2 The land is subject to the following rights granted by a Transfer of the land edged and numbered HP276454 in green on the filed plan dated 3 April 1985 made between (1) Alastair Hugh Forbes Campbell and Alfred Lapthorn Blake and (2) Francis Richard Northcott and Robert Lennon Millbourn:-

(1) The right for the Transerees and their successors in title and all persons authorised by them in common with all other persons who have or may hereafter have the like right at all times and for all purposes connected with the use of the land hereby conveyed with or without

C: Charges Register continued

motor or other vehicles to go pass and repass along over and upon the road coloured red on Plan 2 annexed hereto

(2) The right to use all proper purposes connected with the Property hereby transferred any watercourses pipes cables wires or other channels or conductors now laid in under or over the remainder of the land comprised in Title Number HP59738 with power at any time or times to enter thereupon for the purpose of making connections with repairing renewing maintaining inspecting or cleansing the same making good any damage occasioned thereby.

NOTE: The road coloured red referred to is tinted yellow, tinted blue and hatched blue on the filed plan.

- 3 (13.04.2015) REGISTERED CHARGE of the land edged yellow on the title plan dated 10 April 2015 affecting also other titles.

NOTE: Charge reference HP59738.

- 4 (13.04.2015) Proprietor: LLOYDS BANK PLC (Co. Regn. No. 2065) 9741 of Pendeford Securities Centre, Pendeford Business Park, Wobaston Road, Wolverhampton WV9 5HZ.

End of register

Electoral Roll entries for Rebecca Standish, her husband and children since 2002 taken from the 192 website.

Rebecca Jane Standish

Lake House  
 Bell Vale Lane  
 Haslemere  
 Surrey  
 GU27 3DW

Residents

		2002	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	2018
Lake House, Bell Vale Lane						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Rebecca J Standish																		
Marcus C Standish												X	X	X	X			
Nigel D Standish						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Francesca Standish													X	X				

## Rebecca Standish

4 Montreal Walk  
Liphook  
Hampshire  
**GU30 7TE**

## Residents

4, Montreal Walk	2002	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	2018
Marcus G Willows																	
Rebecca L Willows														X			
Alexander H Willows																	
Rebecca Standish																	
Nicole Standish														X			
Duncan Willows																	
Francesca Standish														X			

Rebecca J Standish

Sweet Briar Farm  
Weavers Down  
Liphook  
Hampshire  
GU30 7PE

## Residents

Sweet Briar Farm, Weavers Down		2002	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	2018
Francesca A Standish															X		X X	
Marcus C Standish															X		X X	
Nigel D Standish		X	X	X	X										X		X X	
Rebecca J Standish		X	X	X	X										X		X X	

Marcus C Standish

5 Mabel Grove  
Nottingham  
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## Residents

Ms S Hopkins

06 June 2017

Chief Executive, East Hampshire District Council &  
Returning Officer, East Hampshire Parliamentary Election  
Penns Place  
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BY HAND

**STRICTLY PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL – TO BE OPENED BY ADDRESSEE ONLY**

Dear Ms Hopkins,

**Concerns about the double recording of Ms Francesca Standish, the daughter of Cllr Rebecca Standish, on the electoral roll for East Hampshire**

I am writing formally to you in your joint capacity as Returning Officer in the East Hampshire Parliamentary Election on 8 June 2017. As you are aware my wife is the official candidate of the Justice and Anti-Corruption Party (the JAC Party) in the East Hampshire Parliamentary Election. I am the Leader and Nominating Officer of the Party and also the sub-agent for my wife in this election.

I have referred District Councillor Rebecca Standish to the police for allegations of failure to declare disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) in breach of the Localism Act 2011. I did this after consultation with the Electoral Commission during the County Council election period, a couple of days after the Prime Minister said she was going to call a General Election. When campaigning for the County Council election I discovered that the daughter of Councillor Rebecca Standish was registered for a postal vote at her parents' address but also had been on the electoral roll at another address in the same Ward since July 2016.

I had a meeting at the Electoral Commission back in April about some other matters elsewhere in Hampshire. Those matters concern undeclared election expenses and donations and fall within the remit of the Electoral Commission. They do not affect East Hampshire. However I mentioned this latest problem regarding Cllr Standish with the Enforcement Manager at the Electoral Commission. She advised me, correctly, that this electoral roll matter had to be raised with the Returning Officer, i.e. yourself. However I have not done it until now because I am still awaiting the report from the police on the allegations of failure to declare DPIs by Cllr Standish. While frankly one vote is not going to make any difference to anyone I have been advised that I should raise this before the election not afterwards.

So that you know the general tenor of the allegations made against Cllr Standish I enclose a copy of a summary document which I passed to DI Lloyd Tobin at a short meeting with him on 16 May 2017.

The position regarding the electoral roll is as follows. Francesca Standish was added to the electoral roll at the Lodge, Foley Estate, Liphook, Hants, GU30 7JF in July 2016, with

Number AL-751/1. The Lodge is owned by Mr Richard Northcott, who was added to the electoral roll at Foley Manor, which he also owns, at the same time. Francesca Standish is still living at the Lodge and is on the current electoral there with number AL-783.

However Francesca Standish is still on the electoral roll with the number AL 3376 at her parents registered address even today. That should have been removed at the latest back in September or October 2016, when it was the responsibility of Cllr Standish to make sure that the electoral roll entries were accurate at her home address. Furthermore Francesca Standish still has a postal vote registered at that address.

This means that Francesca Standish could vote twice without any likelihood of detection if she chose to do so. It is this matter which I am bringing to your attention at this time.

The matters concerning the failure of Cllr Standish to declare her DPIS correctly are still pending and can certainly await the report I have been promised but not yet received from the police officer dealing with this. At this stage I should let you know that I shall be saying that the Monitoring Officer, Mr Nick Leach, has not been independent and has been involved in impeding a proper investigation of what happened. Mr Leach cannot therefore play any part in this matter.

Finally you may know that I am the current Chairman of the Planning Committee of Bramshott and Liphook Parish Council but I should make it clear that my complaints about Cllr Standish are made in my personal capacity.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course but, as I have said, I do not want in any way to disrupt the excellent work which the electoral services team always provides, especially during the final stages of the General Election.

Yours faithfully

D. G. Jerrard

Leader, the JAC Party.

Election sub-agent for Susan Jerrard, the JAC Party candidate for East Hampshire.



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**My reference:** TH/JM  
**Your reference:**  
**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Councillor Jerrard

I am writing in response to your letter of 6 June to Sandy Hopkins (as East Hampshire's Returning Officer) concerning the entries on the electoral register for Francesca Standish. As Deputy Returning Officer, I am replying on behalf of Sandy.

I understand that Lianne Richards, our Elections Manager, gave you reassurances that nothing was amiss when you hand-delivered your letter before last week's General Election. I am now confirming the situation as follows.

As you state, Ms Standish was registered at the Lodge in 2016. Lianne has confirmed to me that Ms Standish was removed from the Lodge on 18 May 2017 and subsequently registered for a proxy vote at Sweet Briar Farm. There was, therefore, no possibility of Ms Standish being allowed to vote twice in the recent elections.

I hope that this answer is reassuring to you and to Councillor Mrs Jerrard.

In addition, you made some comments concerning your complaint to Hampshire Constabulary about District Councillor Rebecca Standish. As you have stated that you are awaiting a report from the Police, I am noting what you have written and have no comments to add. At this stage, I am not treating your comments as a formal complaint about either the Monitoring Officer or Cllr Standish.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely

**Tom Horwood**  
**Executive Director**