

I would like to ask the Panel to dismiss the allegations. Mr Hughes's evidence is so flawed it cannot serve to inform the panel without a proper cross examination of his statement in person.

If the Panel is not minded to dismiss the allegations, I would like to ask for an adjournment to allow the Panel the opportunity to persuade Mr Hughes to attend.

4.1 Richard Lingard states he met BH, and recorded the interview, drew up a draft that BH approved, and that the notes produced here are taken from that draft, so we must assume that is Mr Hughes true evidence

4.9 The accepted process is to lodge objections and the like with the LPA - it is their obligation to notify the other relevant parties, and it is wrong to infer that I kept the Hughes in the dark, it is not my job to inform them. TMBC did that through SM.

4.12 My use of the term "past Leader of TMBC" was factually incorrect, but there is no doubt that BH was a person of significant importance at TMBC for many years. As I understand it he was deeply involved in TMBC gaining Borough status.

4.13 Mr Hughes says in 4.13 "unlikely many would remember BH's erstwhile position as Deputy Leader of TMBC as it was so long ago", therefore people would not now know who he was and if he had influence, but that directly contradicts 4.17 where he says "MT doesn't refer to me by name, but there are few in the village who did not know I had been deputy leader".

4.14 I first came to BG in the mid-sixties, some 50 years ago, and have lived and worked there since 1969.

Michael Stone was the first person I ever met in Borough Green, and was a long time friend. He and Sue Murray were the ones who asked me to put myself forward to the PC in 1999.

I had a good relationship with Joan Harrison, David Law and Geraldine Bowden. Whilst I have had some very public arguments with David Evans, he stood down mid-term to give me the best shot at getting onto TMBC.

I had never had a cross word with a TM Cllr until BH perverted BGPC's response to Celcon2 in 2003, and BH & SM disastrously altered the BG Parish Plan in 2005. To say that I had "history" with every BC for 40 years is an outright lie.

4.15 The Borough Green News website was set-up because BGPC had become so isolated from the public, the minutes did not reflect what they were doing, and there needed to be somewhere the public could access the real information about what was being done to their community. The subsequent polls and elections clearly show that the public believed me and not the old PC.

4.16 BH served continuously until Apr 2007, I served from Jan 2001 until December 2003, and have attended every PC meeting since. So BH and I did serve concurrently for nearly 3 years.

4.18 BH is still involved with the Council, I have seen him at Civic events, I believe he is a Freeman or alderman.

4.21 BH states there is a history of extension refusals in Harrison Rd. He clearly does not keep up to date with the PC minutes, which have seen dozens of these wraparound extensions approved in recent years. I do accept that when BH served at Borough and Parish, TMBC did actually control development rather than promote housing at any cost as they do now.

4.22 BH seems to have conveniently not noticed the extension on the Haslam's semis detached neighbours (15HR) - their permitted and unobjected extension is a mirror of that refused at the Haslam's.

(75/11353 and 95/00067, many years ago when TMBC was far stricter than today)

4.23 I clearly believe that BH has influence at TM, but not at PINS, although I suspect TMBC do. I do agree with BH in that I impugn the integrity of TMBC

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