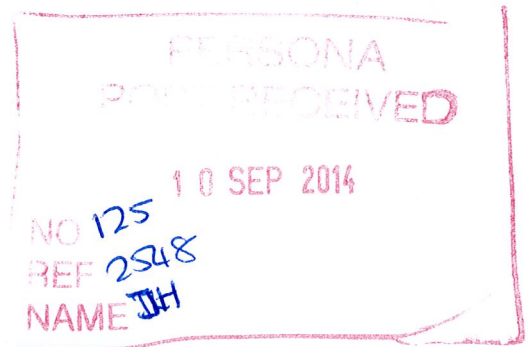


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Dear Mr Ridley



**Re: The Metropolitan Borough of Stockport (Hazel Grove (A6) to Manchester Airport A555 Classified Road) (Side Roads) Order 2013
The Metropolitan Borough of Stockport (Hazel Grove (A6) to Manchester Airport A555 Classified Road) (Compulsory Purchase Order)
Exchange Land Certificate in respect of special category land.**

I apologise for troubling you, but all my efforts to raise this matter with Stockport Council over many, many months have come to nothing.

I have doubts as to whether the Chair of the Planning Committee, Councillor Grice, who passed the planning application for the above-mentioned scheme is even entitled to serve as a councillor.

According to Councillor Grice's register of interests he is employed by Manchester Airport(MAG):-

<http://democracy.stockport.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=131&T=6>

At the planning decision for the above scheme he did not declare any interest in this circa £350m scheme which benefits his struggling employer:

<http://democracy.stockport.gov.uk/mgListDeclarationsOfInterest.aspx?RPID=150>

Manchester Airport has recently been downgraded from an international to a regional airport. The Council has admitted to me that he did not declare an interest at this particular meeting. It is my belief he should have left the room and taken no further part in the meeting. Instead he chaired the meeting.

Secondly, I am led to believe that no employee of a company linked to Stockport Council can serve as a councillor anyway. Manchester Airport is part-owned by Stockport Council.

Finally, I believe he has previously made payments to creditors for past business failures. I have asked over possibly ten months for a response but no definitive answer has been provided.

I have repeatedly raised these matters with The Chief Executive of Stockport Council, the Leader of Stockport Council, the Monitoring Officer of Stockport Council and I believe the excellent Ms Kelly Schrocksnadel of the Department for Transport has raised the matter with Mr John Hill, who is dealing with the CPO for Stockport Council. I may be wrong but I don't think she has received any response either. Council taxpayers are entitled to a response within 10 working days or it is a case of maladministration. Given the urgency and importance of this matter to the public purse, I would have expected some sort of response to have been given.

I raise this matter now with you in desperation. A large number of pieces of land, homes and business surely cannot be compulsorily purchased on the basis of what may well be a completely illegal planning decision. There are plans in force to take this matter to judicial review. I don't think any judge would have a problem in accepting that someone with no legitimate right to make such a massive planning decision would render that decision making process completely invalid. How on earth Councillor Grice could have failed

to recognize the need to declare an interest when his apparent employer's name was even in the title of the planning application is beyond me.

The meeting itself was a bizarre one with opposition councillors doing their best to raise pertinent issues regarding traffic modelling and air quality, but these were swept under the carpet by the ruling group and the senior planning officer. Bizarrely under the circumstances of this upcoming inquiry, the video tape of this meeting appears to have been deleted from the Council's website.

I note from the information sheet on the public inquiry which I was kindly sent it states:-

2,4 d) the acquiring authority should be able to show that there is a reasonable prospect of the scheme going ahead , and that it is unlikely to be blocked by any impediments to implementation. I think judicial review is an impediment.

I am sure you will realize that the upcoming public inquiry into the compulsory purchase of land for this scheme will be a massive drain on the public purse. If the process is an illegal one, it should be stopped in its tracks immediately.

With best wishes

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PS I have tried to warn other councillors of this problem, but although I have in writing from the Council that I have never been rude or offensive, they would appear to be blocking my legitimate contact with elected representatives.

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