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Christine

Thank you for this update.

I agree and understand that any letter which is submitted by TIGLS may be subject to disclosure under Freedom of Information legislation.

I also agree that any CPO process would and should be in the open - including the decision of the Council on whether or not to use their powers.

I was surprised at reported comments by Councillor Ford about discussions behind closed doors - I cannot see how any Council would make a CPO 'behind closed doors' and I am sure that Cllr Ford is aware of that, having been chair of Planning Committee.

Kind Regards

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Ann,

The information which Tripping Up Trump has got about the CPO request has come from a letter from myself to Nicol Stephen MSP, in response to a letter from him raising concerns on behalf of a constituent.

We are going to issue a clear statement which I will copy to you.

You will understand that I was not going to tell an MSP anything other than the truth, when asked. Similarly, now that the BBC has got hold of this we are of the view that we should simply be upfront about matters - as we have previously discussed, we would have to release the information should we get an FOI request.

I think it is probably, on balance, not a bad thing that this is out in the open, as it avoids speculation and we can be clear about the process that is being followed.

I am here all day tomorrow if you want to speak to me about this.

Christine.

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