

**Dai Richards**

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**Cc:** <christina.rees.mp@parliament.uk>; "Miles, Jeremy (Aelod o'r Senedd | Member of the Senedd)" <Jeremy.Miles@senedd.wales>; "Cllr. Suzanne Paddison" <cllr.s.paddison@npt.gov.uk>; "Cllr. Sean Pursey" <cllr.s.pursey@npt.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 14 October 2020 09:21 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Labour Party Corruption?

Dear Mr Richards,

I am in receipt of your email of the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Please note that the email address you included in that email is incorrect.

Please be assured that any points you refer to in the same email have no impacts on any planning decisions taken by Neath Port Talbot Council or the members who sit on the said Planning Committee.

Any issues concerning planning matters in respect of the Glynneath site have of course been considered by officers of the Council and you did of course attending the Planning and Development Control Committee in September 2020 where you were able to make your representations. The Planning Application was subsequently approved with recommendations to address concerns identified.

I have previously advised you, in the event that you feel there has been any wrongdoing by any party then you are entitled to refer the same on to the appropriate investigatory bodies.

The following address will help you in your set course of action and should you have sufficient information to lay a criminal complaint please do so:

Local Police Commander  
Chief Superintendent J. Maal  
Swansea Central Police Station  
Grove Rd  
SWANSEA  
SA1 5EA

OR

The Chief Constable  
South Wales Police  
Police Headquarters  
Cowbridge Rd  
Bridgend  
CF31 3SU

AND / OR

The Public Services Ombudsman  
1 Old Field Rd  
Pencoed  
Bridgend  
CF35 5LJ

This is the second time that I have directed you to these organisations and I will not respond to the same items you raise over this matter in the future. However should you persist with these allegations that subsequently are unfounded, against me or others then of course they or I will have the opportunity for civil

redress in relation to the potential damage to good character and reputation. I will also be sending copies of your email which are public record to other relevant parties mentioned in your correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Rob Jones  
Leader of Neath Port Talbot Council

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**From:** Dai Richards <[dai@rugbyrelics.com](mailto:dai@rugbyrelics.com)>  
**Date:** Saturday, 10 Oct 2020, 10:05 pm  
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**Subject:** Labour Party Corruption?

**Our ref:** 20201010-EM-LABO-labour-corruption

**Purpose:** To investigate the probability that Labour Party corruption has placed the residents of Glynneath in danger.

**Value:** Provision of information to the public. Accountability.

**Integrity:** David Richards stands accountable for the information contained in this document and the actions associated to this email.

**Attachments:** March 2020 document change in June 2020

East Glynneath - Residents Against Contamination Report submitted to NPTC

**Distribution:** see below

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Chair of Planning Committee - Cllr S Paddison - [cllr.s.paddison@npt.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.s.paddison@npt.gov.uk)

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**Subject:** Labour Party Corruption?

Dear Members

Apologies for the earlier email sent in error, I was editing this press release and pressed the send button by mistake.

To all Labour Party members copied to this email, I would ask that you please check the information contained in this email for factual errors prior to our release to the press. I would also ask that you answer the following question for publication.

Given the timing of Mike Cuddy's £10,000 donation to Peter Hain and the subsequent submission of plans, withdrawal of plans and approval of plans in 2010 by a Labour controlled council which re-defined of the nature of a Cuddy site to 'brownfield' status. Do you think that this donation had any bearing on the planning department's decision to hide the contamination, that constituted a breach of the 1990 Environmental Protection Act?

Please note that if you believe this to be a leading question and NPTC have not broken the 1990 Environmental Protection Act then you should provide documentary evidence to counter the evidence provided to you in the attached draft report.

## INFORMATION BEGINS

### MIKE CUDDY - LABOUR PARTY POLITICAL DONATION 2008

Our research shows that there are only two records of political donations by the Cuddy Group or one of its directors. Both to the Neath MP, Peter Hain in the Labour stronghold of Neath.

The following donation of £10,000 was recorded as Mr Mike Cuddy, of Vale of Glamorgan personal donation. (Registered 11 January 2008).\*

Cuddy lived in Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan at the time, however the company of which he was managing director and the majority of his developments and business interests took place in Neath-Port Talbot. Logical reasoning would suggest that the donation must be considered a business one as opposed to a personal one due to the geographical distance between Cuddy's residence in the Vale of Glamorgan and his business interests in Neath-Port Talbot.

It is also recorded that the Cuddy Group donated £1500 to Peter Hain after Mr Hain was pictured presenting Mike Cuddy with an award for the production of an internal Health & Safety document which according to the parliamentary critical website [order-order.com](http://order-order.com) was "*essentially an office manual written by a junior in human resources.*"\*\*\*\*

The donation was one of several which Mr Hain, now Lord Hain failed to declare. A total of £103,000 went undeclared within the proper timeframe and so the undeclared donations were referred to the Parliamentary Standards Commissioner and the Crown Prosecution Service. About this affair, the parliamentary commissioner for standards John Lyon stated in his report: "*This is a case of an experienced member, a cabinet minister at the time, failing in his duty as a member of parliament to register donations within the*

*time required by the house.*\*\*\*

At about the same time the Cuddy Group and its subsidiary companies were involved in several developments in the Labour controlled Neath-Port Talbot Council including one at Heol y Glyn, Glynneath.

This site is now owned by Enzo Homes and planning permission for the continuation of the development has recently been granted despite over 80 objections from local residents. Talking about the Cuddy period of ownership at a recent planning committee meeting, a local resident suggested that the Cuddy Group used the development as a front for its asbestos removal and demolition business and the site was unsuitable for a housing development, they followed on by stating that "for every £1000 that the Cuddy Group spent on development planning, they earned £10,000 on tipping other peoples waste". There is no record of the Cuddy housing development branch Primrose Homes ever building a property during their entire existence. The timing of Cuddy's donation, believed to be sometime in 2007 was followed in 2008 with a planning application by the Cuddy Group in Mr Hain's Labour stronghold constituency of Neath at the aforementioned development in Glynneath. Information supplied with the plans provided evidence of an excessive amount of toxic chemicals in the soil including the grade 1 classified carcinogens Arsenic and Benzo[a]pyrene. The plans containing this information were eventually withdrawn without reason and remained hidden in the planning department archives of the Labour held Neath Port Talbot Council until discovered in 2020 by local residents.

In 2009 a new set of plans were submitted by the Cuddy Group which changed the nature of the site to 'brownfield' status, which indicated previous industrial use. This was a complete reversal of site status as the previous plans had shown no industrial use recorded at the site.

A local spokesperson for the East Glynneath Residents Against Contamination group stated that from 2008 to 2016 the Cuddy Group continued to tip on the site without regard for an infrastructure. They believe the council failure to investigate the contamination in 2008 breached the 1990 Environmental Protection Act and they believe that they have provided clear evidence of this in a detailed report supplied to the local MP, Christina Rees (Labour), Welsh Assembly Member, Jeremy Miles (Labour) and the Council Leader Rob Jones (Labour), together with each member of the mainly Labour Neath-Port Talbot Council Planning Committee. The spokesperson continued to say that the council have failed to respond to the report.

The spokesperson added that as a group they are concerned that the Cuddy donation may be linked to council corruption as outlined in a recent report by Transparency International.

The report into Local Government Planning Department corruption is by specialists Transparency International, the UK's leading independent anti-corruption organisation \*\*\* It indicates that there are five key corruption indicators relating to councillors' involvement in major planning decisions. These five key corruption risks include curiously timed political donations. The document defines this as:

*" A developer giving a series of political donations to the local branches of a political party around the same time in which they were applying for planning permission within the same local area.*

A spokesperson for the East Glynneath Residents Against Contamination asked the following Labour politicians if they believed the £11,500 Mike Cuddy and Cuddy Group's donations to Peter Hain had any bearing on the decisions of the Labour controlled Neath-Port Talbot Council Planning Department in 2010 which failed to investigate the contamination.

TBC.....

The politicians responded with.....

The politicians failed to respond.....

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The following document was attached to the email which highlighted possible Planning Department malpractice: [CLICK HERE](#)

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ALL INFORMATION PLUS MORE IS AVAILABLE AT.....

<http://walk-around-wales.com/county/npt/glynneath/enzo-development/site-history.htm>

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