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Dear Sir

OUR CLIENT – RICHARD KNOYLE

We have received instructions from Mr. Richard Knoyle due to his concerns in respect of your recent actions, in particular your comments on social media, of which we have details. We consider your comments amount to defamation and for which our client is considering taking action.

Summary of Circumstances

We are instructed this is not the first time you have acted in such a fashion in that previously you have made allegations against Councillors within the Glynneath Town Council. We understand this is in respect of a proposed housing development, which you appear to have taken issue with.

The purpose of this letter is to address matters you have published on a social media site 'Facebook' and a subsequent email you sent to our client's place of work. Our client is a Councillor within the Glynneath Town Council and is a partner at Baker Knoyle accountancy practice. All individuals, including our client, have the right to the unimpaired possession of their reputation and good name, a right long recognised in law.

On social media for the world to read you published that our client is "*corrupt*" asserting that this view represents the view you have adopted, but a view you also have assumed in respect of the entire Glynneath Town Council. Our client has already warned you against using such defamatory language, although you failed to take heed and you have continued to make comments on the social media platform, including capitalising the words "*Richard Knoyle is corrupt - see you in court*".

Our client made it known to you he found such comments offensive and libellous as they bear no truth. In response, you have persisted in your quest to defame his character. Your allegations are baseless, malicious and harmful.

You have no basis to make personal remarks in relation to our client and those personal remarks have been made on a public platform which has caused our client and is likely to cause him serious harm to his reputation and to that of his business. Professional practitioners such as our client are likely to be seriously damaged by your baseless assertions laid against him as an individual, using his name and social media identification. Anyone reading your posts would identify our client and the businesses he is associated with. It follows, your assertions have no factual basis, demonstrative of there being no defence to your conduct.

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For these reasons, you are required to immediately remove the relevant posts in which toy name our client. We require you to make a public apology to our client for your baseless assertions and that you do so within 7 days from the date of this letter. If you do not do this, we will advise our client to make an application to the court for injunction relief and for damages for the serious harm caused. We look forward to receiving your assurance within the specified time.

Yours faithfully



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