

ASHTEAD INDEPENDENT COUNCILLOR SEEKS REDRESS FROM RIVAL OVER MISREPRESENTATION

Ashtead Independent Councillor, Chris Hunt, is seeking an apology from rival councillor David Harper for misrepresentation.

Chris Hunt has written to Cllr Harper seeking the withdrawal of public comments and an apology.

Cllr Hunt's message to his rival is grounded in electoral law which you can read more about here: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/report-electoral-fraud>

Here is Chris Hunt's email

Hello David (Harper)

You have made an accusation in your election leaflet which has no details of your appointed election agent, so I assume that they have not checked/approved it and so you and your colleague candidate Mr Patel are personally liable for its production and contents, and the consequences of doing so.

In your leaflet you have stated as a matter of fact that no other Ashtead councillor made representations to the Planning Inspector regarding the local plan.

In fact, I spoke with other Ashtead Independent councillors, and I made representations, and I received an acknowledgement from the Planning Inspectors programme manager, which confirms that the representation had been received.

Your statement is therefore simply untrue.

Your statement was clearly issued in the hope of your own electoral benefit, but as a matter of fact is not true. I believe that therefore breaks election law.

Please withdraw it and email me a draft apology for me and my election agent to consider and agree, which I expect you, Mr Patel and any helpers you have to then immediately deliver to each household who has received your false statement, and also ensure that the apology is put on every window sticker/poster you and your colleague have in Ashtead.

Thank you,

Chris Hunt

Cllr Hunt's submission to the Planning Inspector regarding the local plan can be seen in the Ashtead Independent's Archive on its website. [Click here to read it.](#)