

Complaints Received over the last 12 months

Resolved at Initial Assessment Stage

	Ref	Complainant (s)	Details of Complaint	Outcome	Review Requested	Review Outcome
1.	08.10.20	Member of Public	Complaint regarding comments made and published on planning application.	<p>Decision under Initial Assessment Criteria:</p> <p>Complaint is not considered to disclose a sufficiently serious potential breach of the Code to merit further consideration.</p> <p>A Cllrs right includes a right to express views which others may find objectionable. The comments may have been provocative and unhelpful, but any finding of breach of the Code would be disproportionate on the facts of this particular complaint.</p>	No	N/A
2.	09.10.10	Member of Public	Complaint regarding comments posted (1) online and (2) in person as well as in relation to (3) internal communications disclosed by way of an information request	<p>Decision under Initial Assessment Criteria:</p> <p>Allegation one is not considered to disclose “a sufficiently serious potential breach of the Code to merit further consideration” as a Cllrs right includes a right to express views which others may find objectionable. The comments may have been provocative and unhelpful, but any finding of breach of the Code would be disproportionate on the facts of this particular complaint. Further the complaint is “the same or substantially the same” as a complaint previously dealt with.</p>	No	N/A

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				Allegation two is not considered to disclose “a sufficiently serious potential breach of the Code to merit further consideration” for the same reason as allegation one. Allegation three does not relate to the councillor complained about.		
3.	14.01.21	Member of Public	Complaint regarding conduct of Cllr at Committee meeting.	Decision under Initial Assessment Criteria:  The complaint is not considered to disclose a sufficiently serious potential breach of the Code to merit further consideration. There was no evidence to suggest the Cllr had failed to maintain a high standard of conduct or was un-accountable <sup>1</sup> .	No	N/A
4.	03.08.21	Member of Public	Complaint Cllr breached a pledge made at a public meeting in 2014.	Decision under Initial Assessment Criteria:  The period since the alleged behaviour is so significant that it is considered to be inequitable, unreasonable or otherwise not in the public interest to pursue; as the nature of the statement, changes in circumstances and progress during that period it would be inequitable and unreasonable to pursue the complaint further now.	No	N/A

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<sup>1</sup> in line with the Appendix 1, seven principles of conduct in public life

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5.	16.08.21	Member of Public	Complaint regarding breach of conduct by Cllr in relation to declarations of interests.	Decision under Initial Assessment Criteria:  Complaint was not considered to disclose a sufficiently serious potential breach of the Code to merit further consideration. The Cllr had no business or land ownership connection with the address, and the address was not located within the borough of Brent.	No	N/A
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6.	06.08.20	Member of Public	A complaint was made concerning a number of matters raised in an email which had been circulated to all councillors and also been seen by the complainant.	Decision under Assessment Criteria:  On the balance of probabilities there had been no breach of the Code and the Cllr had raised their enquiries properly in their capacity as a councillor and not in order to improperly disadvantage the business concerned.	No	N/A
7.	4.2.21	x1 Councillor, x2 Members of Public	Complaint that Cllr breached the Members' Code of Conduct in relation to their behaviour at meetings and written communication.	Decision under Assessment Criteria  No breach of the Code. Cllrs have the right to express views which others may find objectionable or even offensive as a matter of freedom of speech. Comments which constitute political expression attract an enhanced level of protection under Article 10.	No	N/A

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				However, the Cllr was reminded to be temperate in their communication.		
8.	16.03.21	Councillor	Complaint that Cllr failed to declare a personal interest at Full Council.	Decision under Assessment Criteria (partially upheld)  In failing to disclose the existence and nature of the personal interest (before the appointment to bodies' decision was made) there was a minor or technical breach of the code, but it was not in the public interest to pursue.	No	N/A
9.	11.06.21	Member of Public	Allegations were made of a breach of the Member's Code of Conduct by two Cllrs in relation to their attendance at Ealing Road Temple during a prayer and reflection event organised by the Brent Multi Faith Forum.	Decision under Assessment Criteria (partially upheld)  Finding of a breach of the Code of Conduct without an investigation. The allegation that the councillors had brought their office or the council into disrepute was not upheld.  Both councillors acknowledged that they had inadvertently breached the restrictions on such events in place at the time and were apologetic about how this may have appeared to the public.	No	N/A

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				Both apologised publically with copies of their apology posted on the council intranet page.		
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