

London Borough of Enfield

Councillor Conduct Committee

Appeal against a Monitoring Officer/Councillor Conduct Committee Decision

Complaint	Complaint against Cllr Daniel Anderson and the report prepared by Anthony Collins solicitors, rejecting the complaint.
Name of Complainant	Helen Osman
Councillor(s) Involved	Daniel Anderson
Finding of Monitoring Officer/Councillor Conduct Committee	
<p>The report concluded that Daniel Anderson was posting on this Facebook page in a personal capacity. However there is plenty of evidence to show that Daniel Anderson was known to be the Cabinet Member responsible for this scheme and it is impossible to separate his private views from his public role, where he is required to be objective in order to form decisions relating to the scheme on the basis of all the information available to him.</p> <p>Secondly that this platform should not be used by him to denigrate me, especially in such an inflammatory way.</p>	

Complainant notified of Monitoring Officer /Councillor Conduct Committee decision		Date:
Reason(s) for Appeal (Please list below and attach any supporting evidence) Please add more reasons if you need to.		
1. There are strong grounds to demonstrate that Daniel Anderson was known to be the office holder and is referred to on numerous occasions as such.		
2. Rejection of the complaint implies support for the view that I have misled people, through the reports and other material I have written or co-authored in connection with Cycle Enfield. I want hard factual evidence. At no stage has Cllr Anderson ever apologised either privately or publically for these defamatory remarks.		
3 The reference to me being in the mosque and misleading people is totally unacceptable for a cabinet member.		
Date appeal submitted (within 10 working days of receipt of decision)		
Yes/No	Date	
Yes	22.2.17	
What are the relevant matters that you feel should be taken into account?		
In rejecting the complaint Anthony Collins are implying that I am guilty of 'misleading' people and that the references made to me as preaching in the mosque, as my surname is Osman is acceptable in any public forum, but especially by a councillor holding a high office. I would like evidence of the way I am supposed to have misled people and if my complaint is not dealt with to my satisfaction I will seek my own legal advice.		

Details of any new evidence to support your appeal

Response showing examples from the Facebook page of posts in which Daniel Anderson is referred to. His personal posts were deleted following the complaint.

A report containing comments and statements from around 1600 local people to show that I am not alone in having concerns about Cycle Enfield

The reports I authored which critiqued the Regeneris economic risk assessment reports, highlighting the flawed methodology, poor research and scenario modelling

Recent reports (not authored by me) on current trading patterns of businesses along the A105 as a result of the cycle lane construction.

Comments/Advice from Independent Person (where appropriate)