

17 November 2005

Dear Mr Heyes

I am writing to you concerning a letter, which you sent to residents in the Ashton Road West and Failsworth Pole area. This letter was sent in response to a leaflet I produced and delivered to the same area. Copies of both are enclosed with the paper copy of this letter.

I would like to ask you three questions regarding this letter:

1. In your letter you say that the reason that the houses already earmarked for demolition in Oldham need to be cleared is because house prices in these areas have slumped so much that houses were becoming abandoned and worthless.

Are you therefore saying that John Bird, Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council's Executive Director of Regeneration, was misleading the public when he said, in the Oldham Advertiser of 24th February 2005:

"Unlike other renewal areas, in Oldham we had no abandoned homes, they were all still occupied."

(http://www.oldhamadvertiser.co.uk/news/s/177/177665_400_homes_for_demolition.html)

2. You claim that the information I have given to people is misleading. Could you tell me which parts of my leaflet you believe to be untrue, as I made great efforts to ensure that all the information was factually accurate?
3. You express the belief that the people responsible for the leaflet I produced and delivered have connections to some extremist political parties. Which extremist political parties are you accusing me of being connected to and what information are you basing this completely false allegation on?

I eagerly await your reply.

Yours sincerely

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