

Open Letter to Election Candidate, William Campbell-Taylor, Concerning Your Misleading Campaign Literature to Voters About the Middlesex Street Estate

Dear William Campbell-Taylor

Misleading Claims in Your Circular to Voters

I am writing this open letter to you, my having discussed with **Councilman Henry Jones**, fellow candidate, **Evan Millner**, and a number of my own academic colleagues, as well as both Christian and non-Christian clergy friends of mine. I know Henry has in turn also been discussing with other candidates and his own colleagues.

I am writing to you to express regret about misleading statements and claims that have been published by you, William Campbell-Taylor, in your election literature, and which have caused considerable concern and anger among some of the other candidates, currently sitting Common Councilmen, as well as ordinary voters in Portsoken.

Candidates and Common Councilmen together are committed to service and respect for the ordinary people of Portsoken, and to the highest standards of integrity in public office and truthfulness during elections – this demand for honesty and truthfulness is most particularly important when we make claims to voters about things we say we have achieved.

In a circular letter written, signed and published by candidate, **William Campbell-Taylor**, dated **5 March 2014**, entitled **"Middlesex Street Matters"**, you state:

"However, after our intervention the council have started to listen. Yesterday we emailed Martin Dudley, Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee, to arrange to present the petition. As a result urgent action has now been taken"

You then go on to assert and imply that **"as a result"** of your **"intervention"** with Revd Dudley:

"The Assistant Director of Housing has now visited the estate and identified three doors that could contribute to rough sleepers and others gaining unauthorised entry into the block. Orders have been raised for these 3 doors to be manufactured and it is hoped that installation will start week commencing 17th March!"

These claims by you, William Campbell-Taylor, **are misleading and untrue**. In fact, Councilman Henry Jones **had already visited** the Middlesex Street site **on 26 February 2014, before** the Campbell-Taylor "intervention" of 4 March, together with Housing Services Director, Eddie Stevens, and orders **had already been raised** for the installation of the doors. The details of these developments have been published by the City of London Corporation in its **"Middlesex Street Estate News Flash"**. Worryingly, William Campbell-Taylor's published statement **clearly omits the name of Councilman Henry Jones** as at all having visited the estate together with the Housing Services Director.

Councilman Henry Jones has now personally confirmed directly from Councilman Martin Dudley that when you, William Campbell-Taylor, had e-mailed him, Revd Dudley had simply informed you of the actions that were in hand. I therefore ask you, William Campbell-Taylor, **please immediately to apologise to Councilman Henry Jones for the disrespect to him, and to the voters of Portsoken** for this latest untruthfulness episode among various prior episodes of its kind.

“William Taylor Supports Your Right to Know” Really...?

This sorry story is painfully familiar to me who knows you intimately like the back of my hand. Your claiming credit for things you didn't actually do echoes the time you allegedly published a manifesto based on policy suggestions which Henry has asserted to me were actually made by him to you, it echoes Evan not wanting to speak to you now because he feels you lied to him about your standing as a candidate. It echoes the time in 2006/07 when you were working in the City and your institution used my academic work behind my back, without my permission, in order to obtain thousands and thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money for your project. When I raised concerns about these financial shenanigans being unethical and irreligious, particularly given that the work related to sacred scriptures of Judaism, Islam and Christianity, what is most notable of all about William "Supports-Your-Right-to-Know" Taylor was the brutality with which you tried to silence the criticism.

In October 2012, after colleagues started to ask awkward questions about the project for the **“City Reform Group”** which you founded and chaired as yet another vehicle for yourself for the 2013 City Elections, it is public knowledge that we ended up having to report to the Metropolitan Police threatening calls made to us by a close colleague of yours called **Bryn Phillips** (a Blue Labour activist who works with you and **Maurice Glasman**), who had been convicted for violence in the London riots, and whose candidature for Farringdon Ward you had backed in your stating in your published Guardian article of July 2012, “Citizen Phillips should be encouraged to contest this byelection”. Is it true that Phillips, with whom you still are working on other projects, even accompanied you at recent meetings in Portsoken?

These and related issues were discussed at a public meeting in Parliament in November 2013, and again just last month, February 2014, in the City of London in the presence of various Councilmen and officers. You were invited to speak on the panel, but you didn't show up and an “empty chair” was held for you.

Candidates Cooperating to Keep Campbell-Taylor Out

At a recent meeting in the Middlesex Street Estate, I was handed by one of your leading supporters a smearsy thing about candidate, **Marie Brockington**, who by all accounts is the sweetest and kindest person. I have met and talked to ordinary residents in Portsoken who have been here long enough to remember what it was like having you as Common Councilman before, and they have told me how you did little for them. Henry confirms dozens more such views. They tell me once you are elected, all the Blue Laboury gimmicks with petitions and “Community Cleanups” will be gone, and we won't see you for dust.

What the whole history of dishonesty and your using, lying to, and throwing away people has provoked is an unprecedented level of cooperation between various different candidates – you need to know we help each other with each other's election literature and support each other – aiming to safeguard Portsoken from the consequences of electing someone who is really just going to use these good citizens of the Ward as a vehicle for his grand campaigns around the City of London Corporation.

It is unlawful for a candidate like me knowingly to make an untrue statement about another candidate like you. Therefore, if any of this is wrong, please sue me. Except that you can't, because we both know it's all true.

Although I am very angry, as are others, I still care about you as a brother in faith no matter what. But I know the first person to get hurt by your acquiring more political power will be you yourself, at a time when you really need to go away quietly and repent and heal before God all the harm you've caused to so many, many vulnerable people – and you need to reconsider the whole dog-collar-wearing-politician thing, given that Jesus Christ gave you your P45 years ago. My affection isn't going to change regardless of what you've done, however repugnant, but the people of Portsoken and their safety and wellbeing are the urgent priority now. I hope they will elect a Common Councilman from among the other local and Independent Candidates I listed before, who will truly care for them as these good folk rightly deserve.

God bless, and with a heavy heart

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