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Dear Paul

It is with regret that I feel I must write to you following a recent statement you published on Monday 7th May. In this statement you wrote *"I've seen comments about tax payers money funding a lifestyle I have in Dubai. It's embarrassing to come out with stuff like that and it's disappointing but that's a very small minority and people who are out to make mischief, probably opposition parties"*.

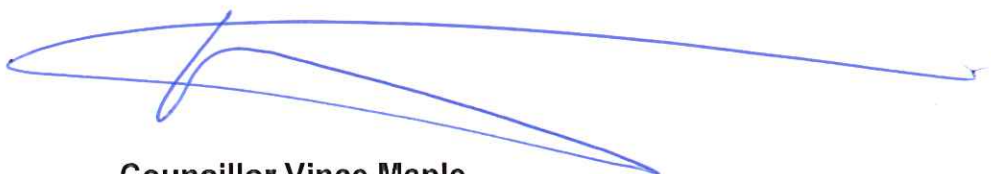
Both Cllr Andy Stamp and I have been explicitly clear that at no point have we mentioned you, your lifestyle or your residency.

As the main opposition group on the Council it is our role to hold the Council to account which we will continue to do by placing a members' item on a future Overview and Scrutiny meeting to look in detail at the ramifications of this sponsorship deal.

I would respectfully request that you clarify or alter your statement of yesterday to be clear that at no point have the main opposition group on the Council spoken about *"tax payers money funding a lifestyle I have in Dubai"* and any insinuation that we have made such comments are unacceptable.

As your original statement was placed in the public domain I will be placing this letter in the public domain and I look forward to your response on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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CC: Cllr Andy Stamp