

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION TO THE
STANDARDS COMMITTEE

	Enter the details as described in italics in the first column in this column
Name of Councillor <i>Your name. Each application should be made separately.</i>	<i>Deborah Clair Owen</i>
Address <i>Your home address.</i>	<i>21, Brookdale Avenue, Connahs Quay, Deeside, CH5 4LT</i>
Name of Council <i>Of which Council are you a member?</i>	<i>Flintshire County Council.</i>
Ward <i>The ward you represent.</i>	<i>Connahs Quay Central</i>
Item for which dispensation is being sought <i>With what matter do you wish to be involved?</i>	<i>Land adjoining a property I own at 11, Linden Avenue, Connahs Quay, CH5 4SN.</i>
Level of Dispensation sought (e.g. to speak only or to speak and vote) <i>You may wish to seek dispensation for the options detailed in the opposite column. Please tick all that apply.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>X To write to or speak with officers;</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>To write to, speak and/or answer questions at Council/Committee meetings;</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>To remain in the room during any debate;</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>To vote (please specify which meetings e.g. Council meetings, Planning Committee etc.)</i>
Relevant Paragraph under which Dispensation is requested (See overleaf)	<i>J</i>
Details of the Prejudicial Interest <i>This should be a short explanation of all the relevant facts about how your interest arises and how significant it might be. The questions are a prompt not an exhaustive list:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How does your interest arise? Will the business under discussion affect your well-being, your financial position, your family, etc?</i> • <i>What other roles or memberships do you hold that give rise to an interest?</i> • <i>Will you benefit personally from the business under discussion or is your interest purely from public service?</i> 	<i>I have been trying to resolve the issue of boundaries of the property I own at 11, Linden Avenue for 26 years Despite involving local councillors, Members of the Senedd, and Members of Parliament I am unable to resolve the situation after all this time. I am seeking to speak directly to the officers involved to try to find a solution..</i> <i>I own the property so have a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter.</i>
Details of any Position of responsibility/control held on Council (e.g. Chairman/Vice-Chairman)	

Signed: Debbie owen	Date: 20/07/2023
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The Standards Committee (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended) specifies that the Council's Standards Committee may grant dispensations under Section 81(4) of the Local Government Act 2000 where:

- (a) no fewer than half of the Members of the Council or of a Committee of the Council (as the case may be) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which related to that business;
- (b) no fewer than half of the Members of the Executive of the Council (i.e. Leader and Cabinet) by which the business is to be considered has an interest which relates to that business and either paragraph (d) or (e) also applies;
- (c) Members' inability to participate would upset the political balance of the Council, or any of its committees by which the business is to be considered, to such an extent that the outcome would be likely to be affected;
- (d) the nature of the Member's interest is such that the Member's participation in the business to which the interest relates would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the Council's business;
- (e) the interest is common to the Member and a significant proportion of the general public;
- (f) the participation of the Member in the business to which the interest relates is justified by the Member's particular role or expertise;
- (g) the registerable interest relates to business, which is to be considered by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Council, and the Member's interest is not a pecuniary/financial interest;
- (h) the business relates to the finances or property of a voluntary organisation of whose management committee or board the Member is a member otherwise than as a representative of the Council and the Member has no other interest in that business, provided that any dispensation shall not extend to participation in any vote with respect to that business; or
- (i) it appears to the Standard Committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the Council that the disability should be removed; or
- (j) it appears to the committee to be otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.