

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION TO THE
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
BY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL**

Name of Councillor	Councillor Sam Swash
Address	39 Sheridan Avenue, Flintshire, CH5 3UN
Electoral Division / Ward	Hawarden & Mancot
Nature of Dispensation sought	To represent the residents of Hawarden & Mancot in relation to planning application FUL/000195/24, Land off Gladstone Way.
Level of Dispensation sought (i.e. to speak only or to speak and vote)	To make written & oral representations on behalf of residents, as appropriate. To speak at Planning Committee on this application and to remain in the room during the debate.
Relevant Paragraph under which Dispensation is requested (see overleaf)	(d), (f)
Details of the Prejudicial Interest	A family member lives in an adjoining area to the proposed development.
Details of any position of responsibility/control held on Council (e.g. Chairman/Vice-Chairman)	None beyond being an elected Member.

Signed: 	Date: 30/04/2024
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Circumstances When A Standards Committee May Grant Dispensations

The Standards Committees (Grant of Dispensations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 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 relates 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 Standards Committee to be in the interests of the inhabitants of the area of the Council that the disability should be removed, provided that written notification of the grant of the dispensation is given to the National Assembly for Wales within 7 days. Such a notification should specify the Member to whom the dispensation would apply and the Standards Committee's reasons why the disability should be removed.