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Dear Sirs,

Complaint: Rubbish! Mad bureaucracy, petty rules and vindictive fines”

Thank you for your letter of 9th October. Having reflected on the contents, it seems that we have reached an impasse, and that it is therefore necessary to refer these remaining matters to IPSO for decision. I regret that we have not been able to resolve them amicably.

I should like to take this opportunity to respond to your latest comments:

8. Despite my requests for you to provide a source for the views attributed to Mr Miliband by Mr Littlejohn, you have failed to do so. I have suggested (and through this correspondence you have appeared to accept) that Mr Littlejohn’s comments are an attempt to summarise the policies put forward in the Waste Strategy 2007, when Mr Miliband was the Secretary of State for Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs. If this is not the source to which Mr Littlejohn refers, perhaps it might have been a good idea to mention this at an earlier stage in the correspondence.

You say that Mr Miliband was clearly promoting the idea of separate food waste collection. I have explained that the Waste Strategy does not call for any measures to support or extend separate food waste collections, and explicitly leaves the question of whether to separately collect food waste up to local authorities. Mr Littlejohn’s comments in the article are therefore wholly inaccurate as a summary of what is said in the waste strategy – and of what is said in the two newspaper articles you have put forward as possible corroboration of Mr Littlejohn’s claim.

Since you have been unable to advance any evidence that Mr Miliband put forward the views Mr Littlejohn attributes to him, the claim should be withdrawn.

9. Thank you for reviewing the complaints made in my original letter. I cannot agree that the proposed rectification is satisfactory. Mr Littlejohn’s claims regarding the origins, content and UK implementation of the Waste Framework Directive are not satirical – they are simply inaccurate. I have highlighted the various inaccuracies, which I would be happy to expand upon if needed.

The paragraphs concerning the Waste Framework Directive are irredeemably inaccurate, and should be removed from the article.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Jones". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Peter Jones