

NOTIFICATION of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Teston Parish Council

To the Monitoring Officer:

Surname: MERCHANT

Forename(s) in full: BENJAMIN, FRANK

Address: THE COTTAGE WEST, CHURCH STREET, TESTON, MERISAY

I am completing this form because:-

- On [] I was elected as a member of Teston Parish Council*
- On [30.1.2024] I was co-opted as a member of Teston Parish Council*
- ~~The Council adopted a new Code of Conduct*~~
- ~~There was a change in my interests and this form supersedes and replaces the form registered by you on []*~~

* Delete as appropriate

IMPORTANT NOTES

- (1) The requirement to notify the Monitoring Officer of a disclosable pecuniary interest applies not only to your own interests but also those of your husband/wife/civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners, where you are aware that the other person has the interest.

The term "relevant person" therefore means you and any other person referred to above.

- (2) Details of your notified interests will appear in the Members' Register of Interests and will be published on the [name of authority]'s website, and open to public inspection.
- (3) ~~If you consider that the disclosure of the details of any of your interests could lead to you, or a person connected with you, being subject to violence or intimidation, and you would like to withhold these details from the register of interests, please provide this information to the Monitoring Officer and explain your concerns regarding the disclosure of sensitive information, including why it is likely to create such a risk. If the Monitoring Officer agrees, the information will not be included in copies of the register made available for inspection, or any published version of the register.~~

Further explanatory notes are included at the end of this Notification.

Part A: Employment

1. Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain

You	Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners
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Part B: Sponsorship

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the [name of authority]) made or provided within the relevant period* in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of yourself. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

*"relevant period" means the period of 12 months ending with the day on which you give a notification for the purposes of section 30(1) or section 31(7), as the case may be, of the Localism Act 2011

N/A

Part C: Contracts

Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest*) and [name of authority]-

- (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- (b) which has not been fully discharged

*"body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest" means a firm in which the relevant person is a partner or a body corporate of which the relevant person is a director, or in the securities of which the relevant person has a beneficial interest;

"director" includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society;

You	Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners
N/A	N/A

Part D: Land

Any beneficial interest in land* which is within the area of the Teston Parish Council

*"land" excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for the relevant person (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income

You	Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners
THE COTTAGE WEST, CHURCH STREET, TESTON, KENT, ME105AJ	↙ Same

Part E: Licences

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land* in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer

**land" excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for the relevant person (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income

You	Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners
N/A	N/A

Part F: Corporate Tenancies

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) –

- (a) the landlord is [name of authority]; and
- (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest

**body" in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest" means a firm in which the relevant person is a partner or a body corporate of which the relevant person is a director, or in the securities of which the relevant person has a beneficial interest

"director" includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society

"securities" means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society

You	Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners
N/A	N/A

Part G: Securities

Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where –

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the [name of authority]; and
- (b) either –
 - (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 (face value) or one hundredth (1/100th) of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class

**"securities" means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society

You	Husband/wife/civil partner or a person with whom you are living as husband/wife or as if you are civil partners
N/A	N/A

Part H: Declarations

IMPORTANT

It is a criminal offence to fail to notify the monitoring officer of any disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs). This requirement arises in each of the following circumstances:

- (a) before the end of 28 days beginning with the day on which you become a ~~member or co-opted member of the authority (s30(1) Localism Act 2011));~~
- (b) where the DPI is not entered into the authority's register and is not the subject of a pending notification, but is disclosed at a meeting of the authority (or any committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee) as required by s31(2) of the Localism Act, within 28 days beginning with the date of the disclosure (s31(3) Localism Act 2011));
- (c) where the DPI is not entered in the authority's register and is not the subject of a pending notification, within 28 days beginning with the date when you

become aware that you have a DPI in any matters to be dealt with, or being dealt with, by you acting alone in the course of discharging a function of the authority (s31(7) Localism Act 2011)).

It is also a criminal offence to knowingly provide information that is false or misleading (or being reckless as to whether the information is true and not misleading).

In addition to the above, the [name of Authority] has adopted a Code of Conduct for Members which requires you to notify the Monitoring Officer of any DPIs before the end of 28 days beginning with the day on which the Code takes effect. Failure to comply with this requirement would not of itself be a criminal offence but could render you liable to action being taken against you under the Code.

To the best of my knowledge, the information given in this form is complete and correct.

Signed:	
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Date: 16/02/2024	2024

This form is to be returned direct to the Monitoring Officer

This declares	registered by me:
Monitoring C	Date: 17/04/24 2024

You may use this space as a continuation sheet or, if necessary, attach another sheet of paper: