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5<sup>th</sup> July 2011

FAO Mrs Caroline Elwood  
Monitoring Officer, Cheshire East Council  
Westfields  
Middlewich Road  
Sandbach  
Cheshire CW11 1HZ

Dear Mrs Elwood

Dispensation for Twemlow Parish Council Members

With reference to recent telephone conversations and e-mails with Julie Openshaw regarding the above I can now confirm that Twemlow Parish Council members have decided to apply for a dispensation to enable 6 of the 7 members to discuss the forthcoming planning application for the old Oil Storage depot in Twemlow.

To summarize the situation, the site in question was purchased at the end of last year by Mr Ray Brown of 'The Orchards Farm' Twemlow with a view to converting it into an Anaerobic Digestion Plant. That is to convert slurry, food waste, any compostable waste etc into methane which will in turn drive a generator to make electricity to be put into the National Grid. I believe Mr Brown is currently addressing all the planning issues he needs to before making a planning application.

I now enclose letters from all the relevant councillors applying for their dispensation along with a map of the area which shows the location of the site in relation to Councillors properties.

I am also mindful of the costs incurred in this exercise which is why I have suggested to Twemlow Parish Council that we apply for the dispensation now so it can be reviewed at any forthcoming Standards Committee rather than wait until the application is received and then have to do all the paperwork in a hurry and cause the Standards Committee to call an unscheduled meeting.

Thank you for all your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely



Patsy Barnett  
Chairman, Twemlow Parish Council

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I, Patsy Barnett, a member of Twemlow Parish Council wish to apply to Cheshire East Council's Standards Committee for a dispensation to discuss and vote upon any planning applications concerning The old Ministry of Defence Oil Storage Depot in Twemlow which may come before the Parish Council for consideration.

The site has recently been purchased by a local farmer, Ray Brown, and it is his intention to apply for planning permission to change the use of it to an Anaerobic Digestion Plant. (To convert slurry and compostable waste into energy.)

I believe that I would have a prejudicial interest if an application came before the Parish Council for comment, for the following reason(s).

The Oil depot is opposite and also joins land which my husband owns. Mr Brown also looks after some of our stock and he is a personal friend.

The Parish Council has 7 members in total. I understand that 5 fellow councillors would also have prejudicial interests and so without a dispensation no consideration and consultation on such matters could take place at this local level and the Parish Council would be inquorate.

It is felt that this would impair the democratic process at this first tier of local government and this request is made so that the local community should not be put at a disadvantage and we Parish Councillors denied the rights normally automatically enjoyed by our colleagues elsewhere.

Signed...*Patsy M Barnett*.....

Date 27<sup>th</sup> June

address

11, TWENLOW LANE  
TWENLOW  
CW4 8DT

27/6/11.

I, Graham Horbrow.....a member of Twemlow Parish Council wish to apply to Cheshire East Council's Standards Committee for a dispensation to discuss and vote upon any planning applications concerning The old Ministry of Defence Oil Storage Depot in Twemlow which may come before the Parish Council for consideration.

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~~Mr Brown is a personal friend and fellow farmer. My wife and I have also enjoyed his hospitality.~~

~~Mr Brown is a personal friend and my business may well benefit from the by products of an anaerobic digester.~~

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Signed.....

Date

27/6/11

9 Twemlow Lane  
Twemlow Green  
Holmes Chapel  
CW4 8DT

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I...Andy Davies.....a member of Twemlow Parish Council wish to apply to Cheshire East Council's Standards Committee for a dispensation to discuss and vote upon any planning applications concerning The old Ministry of Defence Oil Storage Depot in Twemlow which may come before the Parish Council for consideration.

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The Oil Depot site is on the opposite side of the road to where I live and I know Mr and Mrs Brown.

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Date 27/6/2011

Rowley Acres  
Forty Acre Lane  
Kermincham  
Holmes Chapel  
Cheshire  
CW4 8DX

I, George Sydney Pierpoint, a member of Twemlow Parish Council wish to apply to Cheshire East Council's Standards Committee for a dispensation to discuss and vote upon any planning applications concerning The old Ministry of Defence Oil Storage Depot in Twemlow which may come before the Parish Council for consideration.

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Mr Brown is a personal friend and fellow farmer and my business may well benefit from the by products of an anaerobic digester. My wife, family and I have also enjoyed his hospitality.

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Saltersford Farm  
Twemlow  
Cheshire  
CW4 8AN

I...John Basford....a member of Twemlow Parish Council wish to apply to Cheshire East Council's Standards Committee for a dispensation to discuss and vote upon any planning applications concerning The old Ministry of Defence Oil Storage Depot in Twemlow which may come before the Parish Council for consideration.


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Signed.....

Date 27/06/2011






# SITE OF PROPOSED Planning Application

for the old MOD oil Storage Depot  
Twentlow Cheshire

378000

378500

## Key

-  oil STORAGE DEPOT.  
now owned by Mr Brown
-  land owned by the husband of  
Mrs P.M. Barnett
-  property owned by Mr  
Craig Broadbent
-  property owned  
by Mr Graham Holbrow
-  property owned by  
Mr Andrew Davis.

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