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Dear Trevor Nunn

Re: Your request for information: Ref No. 42

Thank you for your request for information that was received on 12 October 2009 in which you requested:

Over the last five years

- (1) How many Local Government Act Part III Section 32(3) notices has your council served on a Local Government Ombudsman.
- (3) How many times has the Ombudsman concerned found the council guilty of maladministration for misusing a Section 32(3) notice.

I am writing to advise you that unfortunately we do not record information in the format you have requested and therefore we cannot definitively say that this situation has never occurred. However, from the current manager of this service recollection has no recollection of a case where the Ombudsman has criticised officers for lying.

I apologise for the delay and any inconvenience occasioned in providing the above response which was due to an oversight on my part.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make an appeal for a review of our decision, you should write to the Corporate Freedom of Information at:

Communities, Law & Governance PO Box 64529 London SE1P 5LX

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If you are not content with the outcome your appeal, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted our internal appeal procedure and you should contact him within 2 months of the outcome of your internal appeal. Further information on the Freedom of Information Act is available through the Information Commissioner at the:

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Yours sincerely,

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