



Delivering local assessment

Exercise 3

Your authority has received the following complaint.



I want to make a complaint to the council about the shady goings on at the planning committee. Mr Chum runs a wholesale pet food distribution business. He recently applied to your council for planning permission to extend his warehouse. I don't want the extension as I live next door to the place and we have enough traffic round here already and the last thing we need are any more lorries thundering through our village high street rocking the very foundations of our houses and making so much noise I can hardly hear the TV in our lounge when I am watching the Jeremy Kyle Show and Mr Chum is well known to some of your councillors what with him being politically active and all and he is particularly well known to Cllr Winnie Lott who he went to school with 35 years ago when they was kids and he also likes a pint with that boozer Cllr Drink down the Thug and Fetish. I have seen them there together a lot laughing and joking as if they are the cats whiskas and own the place and I know for a fact that Cllr Carr runs a transport company and I bet you he has a contract with Mr Chum to do some of his transport for him.

Anyway it's not as if those are the only problems because I happen to know that Cllr Cesar is some sort of distant relative of Mr Chum and he has got a long pedigree for taking backhanders as it is and Cllr Baker's a complete waste of space because her husband, Felix and Mr Chum go to the football together. They are all in it together and you have got to do something.



You are a member of the sub-committee asked to consider this complaint. How would you deal with it?