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Dear Mr Lowings

Yaxham Parish Council –Public Interest Report

Between July 2017 and October 2017 we worked with the Council and Police to investigate some concerns about the officer the Council employed as Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) throughout 2016/17 and up until her dismissal in August 2017. We decided that the results of this work merit a Public Interest Report, a power set out in Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ('The Act').

On 23 November 2017 we sent you a draft public interest report including an extract from the relevant legislation as an annex seeking comments within two weeks. We have received comments from the Council, former RFO and our regulators (Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited) and reflected on these comments in revising the report. We have now finalised the report and issued an audit report closing the 2016/17 audit (attached).

The Council may wish to familiarise itself with the procedure under the Act including advertising a public meeting by a notice (stating that it is to consider a public interest report and describing the subject matter) in a local newspaper at least 7 clear days before the meeting and sending a copy of the report with the agenda to Members.

Yours sincerely,



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For and on behalf of Mazars LLP

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