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Councillor M.H.B.Bowditch Chairman, Upper Marshwood Vale Parish Council Stokewater Farm Stoke Abbott BEAMINSTER DT8 3JL

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Dear Councillor Bowditch,

Thank you for your letter of the 1st June, which eventually reached me (please note my correct address above). I will be placing this before the council when we next meet in July. I now await a suitable retraction and apology in the magazine itself.

My only comment at this stage is to point out that although my council is not specifically mentioned in the article in question, there is a clear implication that we are in the pocket of the TVT - which calls in question our impartiality and transparency.

I hope we can soon draw a line under this unfortunate business, and restore our normal happy relationship with yours and other neighbouring councils.

Yours sincerely,

R.J.Arnold (Chairman)