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Dear Mr Gay,

Thank you for your recent correspondence. Having now fully read your draft report I wish to make the following comments.

1. In your reasoning you state that the *"explanation provided is plausible but weak"*. I can only give you the explanation as it is which is backed up by the fact that [REDACTED] provided written confirmation of this.
2. In the resolution agreed between us in November of last year it was agreed that I would stop [REDACTED] from accessing the page, I would purchase audio equipment at my house and issue an apology and this is what I have done.
3. I did not post the content and have proof of this in the fact the person who did has provided written confirmation to you.
4. I'm sorry but I disagree with this statement.

"The fact that [it] happened, and was made possible, outweighs how it happened i.e. who was responsible for the physical act of sharing the video."

I was physically ill and did not share the content. However I did need to keep my other pages (business page) active as it is not only the Alan Hosker Borough and County Councillor page that I run. That is why my password was available to [REDACTED] as the password for Facebook allows access to all pages. This is something out of my control.

5. Once I saw the video I immediately took it off.
6. Burnley Borough Council have taken this matter seriously and rightly so. Lancashire County Council have also taken the issue seriously. Both investigations are to be carried out in an objective manner and therefore it would be odd if they both arrived at a different conclusion, especially considering that the Code of Conduct for both are near on identical. I therefore believe LCC's findings are relevant.

Lancashire County Council have asked me for a number of actions, primarily an apology in front of the Full Council at the next meeting. I have accepted this as it is the right and proper thing to do. I would expect something similar at Burnley.

Anything other would indicate that this is political, rather than procedural which is based purely on the Code of Conduct.

In light of this I look forward to our next meeting and thank you for your time.

Yours Sincerely

Alan Hosker

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