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Respondent

3 Gregory Lawrence

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1. Please provide your first name and surname *

Greg Lawrence

2. Date

31.03.2025

3. Dispensations available from the Town Clerk without reference to the Panel

I request a dispensation until the Ward elections in 2029 to enable me:

- ☐ to speak and vote on the setting of council
- ☐ to speak as a member of the public on planning applications
- ☐ to speak as a member of the public on licensing applications
- ☐ to speak on general housing matters

4. Please only complete the rest of this form if you are applying for any other dispensation

Please describe the nature of the disclosable pecuniary interest that would otherwise prohibit you from speaking and/or voting:

5. Referring to the disclosable pecuniary interest above, please confirm the following:

- ☒ I confirm that this interest is already included in my register of interests
- ☐ I confirm that I will register this interest within 28 days

6. I request a dispensation to enable me to:

☒ speak

☐ vote

7. Please provide detail of the matter(s) in which you wish to speak or vote. Please declare whether this is for a specific committee meeting or meetings, or for a specific period:

i. Those in which I have a disclosable pecuniary interest as a shareholder or director of any company which holds a tenancy in the market; and
ii, which would affect me only me personally or my business interests as opposed to the generality of the tenants within the market

8. Please provide any relevant information in support of your application, including a consideration of the statutory grounds for granting a dispensation (paragraph 15) and the additional factors (Appendix 3) set out in the policy:

N.B. If you are applying for a dispensation to vote please comment specifically on Appendix 3, paragraph (b), points (i)-(iv).

The Court of Common Council has requested that the decision maker" ... adopt a position where members would generally be granted a dispensation to speak (but not vote) on all matters concerning their ward where they have an engaged disclosable pecuniary interest other than when that disclosable pecuniary interest would be directly and materially impacted by a matter to be determined at a meeting of the Court or one of its committees or sub-committees, subject of course to the proper exercise of the statutory discretion in each case."

I have been an elected Councillor to the Ward of Farringdon Without, which includes the London Central Markets since 1994 and have a deep understanding of the Smithfield area having worked at the market for over 40 years. I also believe that local electors voted for me because they believe that I would speak for them on issues affecting their businesses.

I believe that the caveat I have placed in my request for a dispensation, which has already been in place for several years - that I would not speak on any matter which directly impacted me or my business interests specifically as opposed to the generality of market tenants - will ensure that I am not placed in a position where there is a personal conflict of interests.

I consider that my application would fall under the category of "it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation"

9. Please upload any documentation to support your application

N.B. You may be contacted separately regarding your supporting documentation.