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**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 10:20 AM  
**To:** Andy Strangeway  
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**Subject:** Re: PLEASE READ - ERYC Legal - Training Required

Dear Cllr Strangeway

Thank you for your email. I have clarified with Alan Barker the context of the advice that you are quoting. He has stated that the advice that was given ( and he stressed it was advice ) was given in the context of advising councils '... *that if their councillors wish to make use of the various media to post comments of a personal nature, they should make clear that that they are speaking as a private individual and are not speaking on behalf of the council.* Mr Barker goes on to clarify - *For the sake of clarity, the advice makes no mention of the Code of Conduct, nor was ever intended to, nor would it have been within ERNLLCA's remit to make such a comment.*

It is clear therefore that the advice does not support the point that you are making. In the interests of transparency I would be pleased if you would remove the below posting from your blog as it is clearly incorrect , place this email in its entirety on your blog and issue an apology.

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