

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS WITH KENSINGTON & CHELSEA POLICE

Kensington & Chelsea police took no action when I and at least 4 other residents reported Mr Ladsky for harassment and intimidation (i.e. a criminal offence).

A detail of events is captured in my 2 April 2002<sup>1</sup> letter to Paul Webster, Detective Inspector, Kensington Police station. You will see that the police story simply does not 'stack-up'

In his 23 April 2002<sup>2</sup> reply, Paul Webster states: "*No crime report has been reported to this police borough regarding Mr Ladsky, in your letter you mention that other occupiers had complained this may be correct, but there are no reported crimes about Mr Ladsky*"

Please, compare this against the following – which predates Mr Webster's letter:

- An identical letter dated 11 October 2001 sent by Ms Ayesha Salim, CKFT, to 2 residents<sup>3</sup> who had reported Mr Ladsky to Kensington & Chelsea police: "*We are informed that on the morning of Thursday 11 October 2001, you reported our client to the police alleging that he had illegally entered flat [x] and flat [x] Jefferson House. Our client was visited by Mr D Malam from the Chelsea Police Station*". (And in which the next sentence reads: "*The police have investigated the allegation and have determined that it was completely unfounded*")
- DC Adams telling me that the Resident (who allegedly made the anonymous phone calls to me) had told him that Mr Ladsky had been harassing her (as I captured on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of my 2 April 2002 letter to Mr Paul Webster)
- DC Adams telling me that "*nobody else has complained about him* (i.e. Mr Ladsky)". When I replied "*how about the man in flat [x]?*" his split second reply was: "*the 71 year old man*". (This is captured in my 13 March 2002<sup>4</sup> letter to the Police Complaints Authority – on which I copied DC Adams)
- The fact that the person who headed our Residents Association had reported Mr Ladsky to the same police station in 2001 / 2002. While I have absolutely no doubt that she did it, this was confirmed in an email to me from another Resident, dated 18 April 2002<sup>5</sup>: "*Chelsea Police advised her off the record to fold her tent and go - which she did, can't blame anyone for that*". (This Resident then continues: "*Her experience was horrendous, I was there on two occasions on Jan & Feb last year with this harassment going on*")

After several months of battling with Kensington & Chelsea police, I escalated my complaint to Sir Toby Harris, the then Chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority, asking for his assistance in my letter dated 5 May 2002<sup>6</sup>. In this letter, I provide comprehensive details of events, and identify Mr Ladsky as the perpetrator of the harassment and intimidation I have suffered. As my letter had not been acknowledged, I sent an email on 31 May 2002<sup>7</sup> addressed to Sir Toby Harris – in which I relate more recent events with Kensington & Chelsea Police (because, yet again, they don't 'stack-up').

This led Sir Toby to reply on 11 July 2002<sup>8</sup>: "*... you seem convinced that Mrs [x] acted under the direction of Mr Ladsky. While this may or may not be the case, the police cannot act on the basis of your suspicions, however strongly held, and must act only on the basis of established facts*". Sir Toby Harris goes on to say:

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<sup>1</sup> 02.04.02 – My letter to Paul Webster, Detective Inspector, Kensington Police station

<sup>2</sup> 02.04.23 – Letter to me from Paul Webster, Detective Inspector, Kensington Police

<sup>3</sup> 01.10.11 – Letter from Ms Ayesha Salim to 2 residents at Jefferson House

<sup>4</sup> 02.03.13 – My letter to the Police Complaints Authority

<sup>5</sup> 02.04.18 – Email to me from a resident

<sup>6</sup> 02.05.05 – My letter to Sir Toby Harris, then Chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority

<sup>7</sup> 02.05.31 – My email to Sir Toby Harris

<sup>8</sup> 02.07.11 – Letter to me from Sir Toby Harris

"There was therefore no option other than to hold Mrs [x] fully responsible for this crime". (NOTE:<sup>9</sup>)

I replied to Sir Toby Harris on 4 August 2002<sup>10</sup>. In this letter I wrote, among others: "...I would point out that there is the Protection from Harassment Act 1997. But, this is conveniently ignored by the police". I concluded my letter by stating: "...my dealings with the police in recent months, have led me to totally - and for ever - lose my confidence in the British police". Subsequent events in 2003 only served to reinforce my feelings.

I should also add that in 2002 Kensington & Chelsea police tried to talk to me. However, given my experience, the only communication I was prepared to have with the police was in writing. Because of this, in a letter dated 20 June 2002<sup>11</sup>, Paul Kirby, A/Inspector, Chelsea Police station, informed me that my "...original letter has not been recorded as a complaint because I have been unable to establish if you wish to substantiate your original letter".

This is how Kensington & Chelsea Police treated me. However, when Mr Ladsky reported me to the same police station for "swearing at him", it generated a letter, dated 27 January 2003<sup>12</sup>, stating: "Of perhaps greater importance is the fact that any further such outbursts may result in charges of harassment being made against you, as this initial complaint has been fully recorded by the police..."

Very clearly, no concern here about: "acting only on the basis of established facts" (Sir Toby Harris' reply to me of 11 July 2002). And, whereas complaints made against Mr Ladsky by at least 5 (perfectly sane and respectable) residents (who "have respect for society"), over a period of time, do not get recorded, his complaint against me does! Neil Watson PC 206BS, Crime Investigator, asked me to contact him "...to clarify this situation".

I laughed on receiving this letter as I visualised the scene: a man, standing in a police station, saying: "Mr Policeman, a woman swore at me". (Or did Mr Ladsky just make a phone call to Kensington & Chelsea Police?) My not responding led to another letter dated 6 February 2003<sup>13</sup> from Neil Watson PC 206BS: "please contact me". When I replied by recorded delivery on 11 February 2003<sup>14</sup> asking for precise details - in writing - of the allegation, there was no follow-up.

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<sup>9</sup> NOTE: I subsequently identified that the Land Registry (at 26 April 2004) had, for flat 33, the flat of the resident concerned, the following entry: "(10 October 2003) CAUTION in favour of Steel Services Limited...". The Particulars of Claim, filed on 29 November 2002 in West London County Court, indicate that this flat bore the second largest share of the claim: £62,000

<sup>10</sup> 02.08.04 - My letter to Sir Toby Harris

<sup>11</sup> 02.06.20 - Letter to me from Paul Kirby, A/Inspector, Chelsea Police station

<sup>12</sup> 03.01.27 - Letter to me from Neil Watson PC206BS, Chelsea Police station

<sup>13</sup> 03.02.06 - Letter to me from Neil Watson PC 206BS, Chelsea Police station

<sup>14</sup> 03.02.11 - My letter to Neil Watson PC 206BS, Chelsea Police station