

# Statement of Witness

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## Statement of Terence O'Donnell

Age of Witness: Over 18

This statement (consisting of 5 pages) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

1. This statement is pursuant to my previous statement of witness, dated 23 October 2015, and is to be read in conjunction with it.

2. I work as an Officer of the City of London Corporation, having returned from retirement, and for 16 years have been Estate Manager of the Middlesex Street Estate in the City of London Ward of Portsoken, having previously worked on other estates, for 30 years in total. In this capacity, I have managed the living environment, security and general welfare of residents, and I know the community extremely well.

3. I have known [REDACTED] for 6 years, since [REDACTED] and was thereafter elected as an Officer and then promoted to First Warden [REDACTED]. I have always known [REDACTED] to be a man of the highest honesty and integrity in his words and deeds, and I can attest to his defining characteristic being his courageous commitment to speaking truth to religious and political power, and defending the vulnerable. He is regarded by our many friends in Portsoken as fully a member of our close-knit community here, and is in every way part of us, and his work for the Ward is valued by local people here.

4. I have known Mr William Campbell-Taylor through the years that he has come into Portsoken from outside and stood in various elections, and during the various periods when he was a Common Councilman in the Ward. I comment from direct personal experience that I have found him to be a man who chronically and repeatedly tells lies, is entirely dishonest, and has bullied, harassed and threatened multiple local people in our community.

5. I and fellow Estate Officers have direct personal experience of the various occasions, including during his latest period of office as a Common Councilman since 2014, when Mr Campbell-Taylor harassed, bullied and was abusive to me and my colleagues in the Estate Office, and his behaviour caused me and my fellow Officers considerable distress and alarm. I also have received numerous complaints from local residents in the Ward about the dishonest, bullying and harassing behaviour of Mr Campbell-Taylor towards them. In addition, Mr Campbell-Taylor used a violent convicted felon called Bryn Phillips, who worked as his political caseworker under his instruction, to harass and threaten local people by proxy. From the distress and alarm caused to me and others, I and others have come to

describe such street bullying behaviour by Mr Campbell-Taylor and some of his political functionaries as being akin to that of fascist blackshirts in the East End, and I want to record that other people's suffering of such harassment in political elections and other contexts is consistent with my own experience.

6. Over the years in this Ward, there have been a diverse range of political views expressed among the residents, workers, aldermen and councilmen in Portsoken, and I have always had a good relationship with the elected councilmen of all ideological persuasions, assisting them with queries, handling resident concerns, organising summer parties and trips, and the Christmas dinner for local citizens, especially the elderly and children. The one and only exception to this has been Mr William Campbell-Taylor. Whereas other councilmen would always come to myself or my manager with a complaint or question, Mr Campbell-Taylor would habitually escalate matters to a senior official level even for trivial complaints, and then publicise the fact of his doing so and his own name, seemingly for his own self-aggrandisement.

7. In relation to the Middlesex Street Estate, due to its location near to several hostels and other agencies concerned with helping unfortunate people who have taken to substance abuse or find themselves homeless, our estate has for many years been used by rough sleepers, especially in cold weather. The estate has 3 garage areas and many nooks and crannies where people would seek somewhere to sleep during the night. Most of the rough sleepers were never seen by the residents because they would usually leave the premises by early morning, for fear of being discovered. These depressed and unfortunate people, often with serious physical or mental health problems, were given assistance by support workers from the City of London or by our ward Constable. This was a great challenge because of the lack of sympathy towards these homeless people from estate residents, who sometimes mistook them for drug dealers or were otherwise hostile to the efforts of the police and support agencies to manage what is a sensitive situation, and so much effort was expended by the multi-agency team to explain the delicate position to local people.

8. This careful negotiation around an unpopular but morally right cause all changed with the arrival of Mr William Campbell-Taylor. Far from responding with the same Christian concern for the homeless as our other local clergy, Mr Campbell-Taylor decided to politicise the issue for his own gain and, to the horror both of other vicars I know in the City and support workers, Mr Campbell-Taylor joined the verbal assault against the rough sleepers for his own vanity and vote-winning self-promotion – no different to the scapegoating by other populist politicians of vulnerable people groups. As a Christian myself, I have the utmost respect for the church family, and indeed for other beliefs and faiths, and I expected that when a man wears a clerical collar he would separate himself from the prejudices of the secular world and stand up for unloved issues and voiceless people, but I am afraid Mr Campbell-Taylor appears not to grasp this sacrifice in his pursuit of political advancement.

9. In relation to Mr Campbell-Taylor's chronic and malign habit of lying, I refer as one example to his false claims published during elections of having achieved things that were in

fact done by others. In the case of the Portsoken Ward Election of 2014, the video of which can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kUtETnj9ts>

it can be seen during the course of the video how both other candidates and ordinary local residents from the Ward challenge Mr Campbell-Taylor about his untruthful statements.

10. As an example of Mr Campbell-Taylor's habit of making false statements that he knows to be untrue, I am attaching three exhibits relating to the Middlesex Street Estate of which I am an Estate Officer. I exhibit as TO/1 an election flyer signed by Mr Campbell-Taylor and dated 5 March 2014, in which he publicly claims credit for persuading Revd Dr Martin Dudley, Chairman of the City of London Children and Community Services Committee, to action repairs to the Middlesex Street Estate. Mr Campbell-Taylor states:

*"However, after our intervention the council have started to listen. Yesterday we emailed Martin Dudley, Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee, to arrange to present the petition. As a result urgent action has now been taken"*

Clearly, Mr Campbell-Taylor is claiming publicly to innocent voters that "after our intervention" and "as a result" of Mr Campbell-Taylor's communication with Revd Dudley, "urgent action has now been taken".

In evidence of this, Mr Campbell-Taylor quotes a statement provided to him by Revd Dudley on 5 March 2019 on behalf of the City of London Corporation:

*"The Assistant Director of Housing has now visited the estate and identified three doors that could contribute to rough sleepers and others gaining unauthorised entry into the block. Orders have been raised for these 3 doors to be manufactured and it is hoped that installation will start week commencing 17th March!"*

In actual fact, Deputy Henry Jones had already done an estate walk with Housing Services Director, Mr Eddie Stevens, on 26 February 2014 – before the "intervention" Mr Campbell-Taylor claimed for himself on 4 March 2014 – and the orders had already been raised for the installations of the doors. What is most disturbing however, is that Revd Dudley confirmed that what he had sent in reply to Mr Campbell-Taylor was simply the published statement issued in the City of London Corporation's *Middlesex Street Estate Newsflash* of March 2014, which I exhibit as TO/2, which states:

*"Eddie [Housing Services Director, Eddie Stevens] has personally visited the estate in the company of Henry Jones, Ward Counsellor and has identified 3 doors that could contribute to rough sleepers et al gaining unauthorised entry into the block. Orders have been raised for these 3 doors to be manufactured and it is hoped that installation will start week commencing 17th March 2014"*

Mr Campbell-Taylor quotes in more or less identical wording the statement that was sent to him by Revd Dudley except for his deliberate and dishonest omission of the crucial fact that it was Deputy Henry Jones – not Mr Campbell-Taylor – who intervened in conjunction with Mr Stevens in order to action the replacement of the estate doors. I exhibit as TO/3 a second election statement signed by Mr Campbell-Taylor in which he publishes to voters the same claims:

*“Result! In an email dated the next day (5 March) he [Revd Martin Dudley] told me:*

*‘Thank you for your email...Urgent action has already been taken with regard to security. The Assistant Director Housing reports that he had personally visited the estate...identified 3 doors that could contribute to rough sleepers and others gaining unauthorised entry to the block’”*

In this case, Mr Campbell-Taylor is able to make the false claim of credit for himself by replacing Deputy Henry Jones’s name in the e-mail with an ellipsis of omission. In the same leaflet he again makes false claims of credit for himself in the same way for having effected repairs to the Mansell Street Estate, which were already in hand at the time. Needless to say, the lies of self-credit that Mr Campbell-Taylor told to mislead voters were a significant factor in the election, notwithstanding the anger and outrage caused to Revd Martin Dudley and those local people who actually knew the truth.

11. I also draw attention to the footer of the election leaflet exhibited as TO/3 which states, *“Printed by St Thomas’ Church Clapton Common 1 Clapton Terrace London E5 9BW”*. I would ask Church of England authorities whether it is acceptable or honest for Mr Campbell-Taylor, as Incumbent at St Thomas’ Church, Clapton Common, to use the church’s resources as a non-political registered charitable body to print campaign materials for a party political campaign in which he was a Labour candidate.

12. The above incident is just one example which happens to be documented on video and in print of Mr Campbell-Taylor’s pathological habit of telling lies and bullying people for his own self-advancement, which we as local people have witnessed and which has done so much harm to many individuals in our community. In this connection, I am exhibiting as TO/4 a letter to the Bishop of London dated 30 July 2018 which was written and signed by multiple local residents and local businessmen from Portsoken, and I concur and attest to its contents. The biggest lie for me is the public image that Mr Campbell-Taylor has carefully crafted for himself in church and media circles as a heroic Anglican clergyman and champion of the working man – which as one of the working class victims of his harassment and bullying, I alongside my fellow citizens in this Ward know to be a cruel falsehood. Rather, his pattern of behaviour from what we have observed in this community is that of a charming and persuasive political sociopath, who has few scruples about telling lies and exploiting people to gain power and celebrity for himself.

13. As a City of London Officer, I am honoured and proud to have earned over years the respect and trust of this close-knit community of Portsoken. I have also seen over the years

how there have been certain outsiders who have come into this, my community, in order to further their own political or financial interests and exploit local people – of which Mr Campbell-Taylor has been a particularly harmful example. I can also say that the “Community Play”, now called “Aldgate Community Events” which was an initiative of a now retired City of London Officer, Ms Jacquie Campbell, during her term of office, has little support from local residents, and there has been some concern about the amount of public and other money that has gone to pay external private contractors, whereas actual local resident-led projects have not been given as large amounts of funding. I do not wish to make any comment about Ms Campbell at this time who has now left the City of London Corporation, and it suffices to say that my own City of London Officer colleagues and friends at the grassroots greatly value the fact that for our part we ourselves do enjoy the confidence and good faith of the ordinary residents in this excellent Ward and community of Portsoken.

14. I do wish to say as a committed Christian how shocked and dismayed I am that the Bishop and Diocese of London and more widely the Church of England have continued over years to actively support and grant leave to Mr Campbell-Taylor to come into our Portsoken community as a politician and do such harm to our people, and I am astonished how his behaviour cannot be regarded as evident “*conduct unbecoming of a clergyman*” under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003. These actions and inactions of the church authorities have resulted in bitterness among local people.

15. I conclude that I have enjoyed a pleasant relationship with all the local councillors elected during the past few years, all of whom work tirelessly for the local residents. The only exception to this is Mr Campbell-Taylor who appears not to understand that when wearing the clerical collar one is expected to behave in a Christian and loving way. Unfortunately, he does neither, and instead seems obsessed with political machinations and point-scoring, after the manner of a narcissistic leader out for himself.

Signed:



(witness)

Date:

16/12/19

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# Middlesex Street Matters

5 March 2014

Dear Resident

We had a tremendous response to our recent residents' petition to improve security on your estate. In the end around 70 residents like you took action and signed the petition.

As our volunteers collected signatures they heard some upsetting stories about flats, garages, sheds and cars being broken into. We also heard how some of you feel intimidated coming up through the car park late at night and frustrated that the CCTV doesn't work.

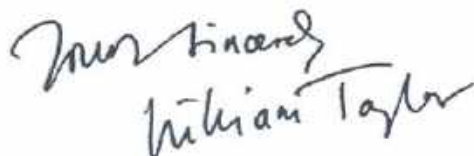
Many of you told us you feel ignored by the council, because these problems have gone on for years without being fixed.

However, after our intervention the council have started to listen. Yesterday we emailed Martin Dudley, Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee, to arrange to present the petition. As a result urgent action has now been taken.

The Assistant Director of Housing has now personally visited the estate and identified three doors that could contribute to rough sleepers and others gaining unauthorised entry into the block. Orders have been raised for these 3 doors to be manufactured and it is hoped that installation will start week commencing 17th March!

In the meantime, temporary adjustments have been made to the locking mechanisms in an attempt to make the blocks more secure.

It was great winning with you. We look forward to seeing you again soon.



**William Taylor**  
- the Labour Party Candidate



**Middlesex Street Entrance: Time the council spent a penny on securing the estate?**

"When you come through the Middlesex Street entrance it looks like a toilet. It smells like a toilet. No wonder people use it as a toilet."

**- Fathima, resident of Petticoat Square**

"These security problems have been going on for years. I had given up on the council doing anything about it. I'm grateful to Labour for stepping in"

**- Andrew, resident of Petticoat Tower**

Your local Labour action team are here to stay. We are committed to working with you and for you to make your estate security as good as it can possibly be.

 **Labour**

To/2

A News Flash for City of London Housing Residents

March 2014  
Volume 1, Issue 1

# Middlesex Street Estate News Flash



## External Estate Security Doors.

Our Housing Services Director, Eddie Stevens, is aware of the rough sleeper issue at Middlesex Street Estate.

Eddie has personally visited the estate in the company of Henry Jones, Ward Counsellor and has identified 3 doors that could contribute to rough sleepers et al gaining unauthorised entry into the block.

Orders have been raised for these 3 doors to be manufactured and it is hoped that installation will start week commencing 17th March 2014.

In the meantime, temporary adjustments have been made to the locking mechanisms in an attempt to make the blocks more secure and Eddie has arranged that this information be communicated to the estate so everyone is aware.

Middlesex Street Estate Office  
Normal Opening Times  
8:00am—5:00pm, Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday



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Election Statement

# William Campbell-Taylor

- the Labour Party candidate



## Getting results for Portsoken

I started listening over two months ago with the local Labour Party Action team. We have met over 200 local people and conducted one-to-one interviews across both the Middlesex Street and Aldgate Estates. In late February we arranged a meeting in the Mumbai Square Restaurant to discuss key priorities.

My first success was to oblige the Council to publish a key report about Phase 3 development on the Middlesex Street Estate. I discovered two further reports had been commissioned and we have demanded publication. I believe you have a right to know what's happening on your estates.

Two petitions were drafted expressing your most urgent concerns:

**For Mansell Street a petition was drawn up about broken shed doors, CCTV and security issues, 87 of you expressed your concerns and signed. I contacted Guinness Trust South managing director, Margaret Dodwell on 5 March 2014.**

### Result! In an Email dated the next day (6 March) she told me:

*"Further to our conversation yesterday I have made enquiries as to the issues you raised with the doors at our Aldgate Estate. Our maintenance team have confirmed that we will replace all 34 pram shed doors, frames and locks...The works will commence on 17 March and are envisaged to take approximately 2 weeks."*

**\*There is much more to be done but it is a start\***

Similarly on Middlesex Street, a petition was drawn up about defective external doors. At the time of writing some 70 of you expressed your concerns and signed. I contacted Martin Dudley, the common councilman, who chairs the council's Community and Social Services committee.

### Result! In an Email dated the next day (5 March) he told me:

*"Thank you for your email ...Urgent action has already been taken with regard to security. The Assistant Director Housing reports that he had personally visited the estate.....identified 3 doors that could contribute to rough sleepers and others gaining unauthorised entry into the block. Orders have been raised ...installation will start week commencing 17th March."*

**\*There is much more to be done but it is a start\***

**Now I am asking for your vote to represent you on Common Council, please put your X here on 20 March to get more results**

**VOTE LABOUR – VOTE CAMPBELL-TAYLOR**

<b>3</b>	<b>CAMPBELL-TAYLOR</b> William Goodacre		<b>X</b>
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### ***My hope:***

Together, we - the Labour Party, residents, worker voters, business people - can unite in Portsoken Ward and work with the school, the Council, Guinness Trust and other institutions to serve you the people of Portsoken better – strong civic institutions working together for the Common Good. That is my hope.

### ***My pledge:***

I will hold monthly surgeries in Portsoken Ward for local residents and business people.

### ***My promises:***

If elected I will do everything in my power to:

- Fight for improved security measures and fully functional CCTV
- Ensure that rising damp and repairs are dealt with promptly and properly
- Ensure that local development proposals benefit YOU
- Address the parking problem and fob issues on the Aldgate Estate
- Upgrade the Middlesex Street estate communal TV aerial to HD
- Campaign for improved local services and support plans for the expansion of Sir John Cass's School and the new public square around Aldgate
- Work with City businesses to set up apprenticeship schemes for local young people
- Encourage and promote employment opportunity and protect small businesses especially around Middlesex Street
- Strengthen the role of your residents' associations in ensuring high quality, responsive repairs and maintenance from your landlords – the City of London and Guinness Trust
- Take action to ensure that the Council recognises the Middlesex Street Estate Residents Association

### ***My record:***

I have served as your councillor over two terms when I stood up for your interests in the Council. I first got involved in 2001 when I stopped the Sir John Cass's Foundation selling the school site to Helical Bar - a developer. I have found in the Labour Party a group of local people who want to help me work with you. While some claim that a non-party political system has advantages, I have noticed that many councillors simply conceal their political affiliations under the label of "independent". I believe my standing for Labour gives you a genuine choice.

***Now I am asking for your vote to represent you on Common Council, resident, worker voter, business person - please put your X here on 20 March to get more results***

**VOTE CAMPBELL-TAYLOR – VOTE LABOUR**

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30th July 2018

The Rt Rev'd and Rt Hon. The Lord Bishop of London  
St Michael Paternoster Royal  
College Hill  
London  
EC4R 2RL

Dear Bishop

***Re: Clergy Discipline Measure - William Campbell-Taylor of St Thomas' Church, Clapton Common.***

We write in respect of William Campbell-Taylor, currently the incumbent of St Thomas' Church, Clapton Common, in the Diocese of London, who has at various times, over a number of years, held office as a Member of the Court of Common Council for the Ward of Portsoken in the City of London.

We confirm that we have a 'proper interest' in this matter as persons who, over a period both of under one year prior to this day and over an extended period greater than one year, have witnessed 'inappropriate conduct unbecoming a clergyman' by Mr Campbell-Taylor, and we confirm that these facts are of our own knowledge, and are true.

In writing to you, we have regard to the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003, the Clergy Discipline Rules 2005 (as amended), and the Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy 2015.

We further have regard to the findings of the report of Dame Mora Gibb 'Abuse of Faith', relative to sexual abuse and bullying of vulnerable adults and minors. In this Safeguarding context, while we wish to place on record here our own independent experience and observations of the behaviour of Mr Campbell-Taylor in our community of Portsoken, out of concern for all parts of our community, we are mindful that there have been two separate, extremely serious, complaints to the police concerning Mr Campbell-Taylor, by two separate Vulnerable Adults, which themselves are matters for the Clergy Discipline Measure.

William Campbell-Taylor has been involved intermittently in the Portsoken community since at least 2005. In this time we have witnessed ongoing unethical behaviours by him towards people connected to Portsoken, which include multiple instances of:

\*Bullying, harassment and stalking

\*Incitement of others to bully and harass by proxy, for his gain

\*Blackmail

\*False and untrue public statements, including dishonest claims of credit for work done by others

\*Frequent dereliction, while in public office, of duties and responsibilities to the Portsoken community.

We have a pastoral concern for the well-being of the many local people who have been harmed by Mr Campbell-Taylor's behaviour, which has, at times, had a community-wide impact.

We therefore urgently request a visit to our community and that a line of investigation and dialogue be established with the authorities of the Diocese, in order that the Archdeacon and the Safeguarding Team may meet and hear personal testimony directly from some of those affected by Mr Campbell-Taylor's presence and behaviour.

We have a particular concern, also, that there have been Church figures in Mr Campbell-Taylor's own diocesan area of Stepney who appear to have actively granted permission and supported his entry and political advancement in our Portsoken community despite concerns about this man being made known.

We look forward to hearing from you, recognising that the Church of England Professional Guidelines expect that: 'The clergy are called to an exemplary standard of moral behaviour. This goes beyond what is legally acceptable: a distinction can be made between what is legal and what is morally acceptable. There is no separation between the public and home life of the clergy: at all times and in all places they should manifest the highest standards of personal conduct'.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Ivan Kingsley  
Joel Mead  
Julia Roberts  
~~Mark~~  
M Jones

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Cc (via email) the Archbishop of Canterbury; Graham Tilby, National Safeguarding Adviser; the Archdeacon of London; Lucy Duckworth, The Victims' and Survivors' Consultative Panel.