

Sent: 25 August 2011 17:04:55 GMT+01:00

Dear Ms Newell

I acknowledge receipt of your Email message of 22nd August, and note your confirmation that you will not be making any further changes to your Draft Recommendation.

I would remind you, however, that we told you on 11th July that we would be unable to handle further work on this matter during August. We received your 'final version' on 29th July and a date of 5th September was set for our two-page submission.

I am therefore astonished that you should seek, at four days notice, to unilaterally change this agreed date to 26th August, thus actively preventing us from presenting our case. One reason you give for wishing to make this change is particularly baffling: there are no Bank holidays after the agreed date of 5th September until Christmas. But whatever your reasons might be, you are seeking to deny us the opportunity to correct factual errors that persist in your text. Furthermore, our relatively cursory glance at your recommendation has revealed a potential libel in the document as it stands.

We find this totally unacceptable: you have no right to change the date that has been agreed, and this matter should not go forward to the ASA council until we have had the opportunity to scrutinize your document properly for factual errors and to make our supplementary statement in the context of your actual final version.

We shall be sending copies of this email to Mr Guy Parker, and also to relevant MPs who, we think, should be informed of the situation.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Burnett
Chairman, H:MC21.