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Dear Carolyn

Re; Oldham Council Resolution – Open Electoral Registers

Thank you for your letter of the 9 January regarding the above resolution moved at full Council on the 17 December.

I actually received quite a lot of mail regarding this issue when it was first proposed and did raise my concerns with the DCLG at the time (to no avail it has to be said). I have nevertheless raised this again with the Secretary of State, asking that he considers the LGA's position that the open registers be scrapped and the obligation to sell personal information be abolished.

I will get back to you as soon as I receive a response and hope my enquiry on your behalf is helpful.

Yours sincerely

The Rt Hon Michael Meacher MP
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