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Town Clerk  
Tenterden Town Council  
Town Hall  
High St  
Tenterden

Dear Phil,

### **Tenterden Regeneration Consultation – Final Report**

I am writing on behalf of the Tenterden and District Residents Association (TDRA) to comment on the final report of the Regeneration Consultation submitted by Lipton Group.

On reading the report I was shocked at the thoroughly inaccurate statement made by Lipton Group in respect of proposals for a cinema (page 68) as follows: *"It should be noted that within the Tenterden Residents Association (sic) there are individuals with a commercial interest in this project"*. This statement is completely untrue. There are no members of the TDRA committee or, as far as I am aware ordinary members of the Residents Association, that have any commercial links with any organisation with any connection to the proposed cinema project in Tenterden or any other cinema.

The report on the cinema prepared in the past by Siggie Nepp (former Chairman of TDRA) was undertaken at the request of the Town Council on a pro bono basis with no fee. This cannot be construed as a "commercial interest".

Our members have spoken at the various consultations entirely in accordance with the interests of our members as were expressed by a vote with an overwhelming show of hands at our Annual General Meeting held in May 2016. No member of the committee has received any payment nor does any member of the Committee have any contractual or informal arrangement for future involvement in respect of the cinema project. This statement by Lipton Group is a thoroughly unprofessional slur on the integrity of the members of TDRA.

I am surprised that TTC should allow such a statement to be made without any evidence in a report that the Council clearly intends to make available to the public thus apparently knowingly and actively participating in spreading false and defamatory statements. TDRA request that TTC seek a correction by Lipton Group to the report and an apology in a form that can be published in the local press.

TDRA reserve the right to take such further action as we see fit to defend the integrity of TDRA and its officers.  
Yours

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Chairman  
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