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From: Alice Perkins [GRO]
on behalf of [GRO]
Sent: 24/02/2012 09:58:58
To: Susan Crichton [GRO]
CC: Paula Vennells [GRO]
Subject: Re: James Arbuthnot MP: Subpostmasters and the Post Office

Thanks Susan.

I have replied saying I'll see him (no choice there so best to be responsive).

I am happy to talk about this, of course, but what exactly is his connection with Jfsa?

Alice

From: Susan Crichton [GRO]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 09:02 AM
To: Alice Perkins
Cc: Paula Vennells [GRO]
Subject: RE: James Arbuthnot MP: Subpostmasters and the Post Office

Alice – I have checked with Mike Granville and apparently James Arbuthnot has links with the Justice for Sub-postmasters campaign an organisation pursuing press action against POL. We also believe that Jfsa are behind the current legal activities of individual sub postmasters against POL. So any meeting with him would need to be carefully handled.

Obviously it would be a good opportunity to put our views forward but there are risks associated with that approach, maybe we can have a word next time you are in the office.

Have a good weekend.

Susan

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From: Alice Perkins [GRO]
Sent: 23 February 2012 13:58
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From: Alice Perkins
Sent: 23 February 2012 13:54
To: Paula Vennells
Cc: suasn.crichton [GRO]
Subject: James Arbuthnot MP: Subpostmasters and the Post Office

Hi there,

James Arbuthnot is a Conservative MP who is. I think, Chairman of the Defence Select C'tee. I knew him when I was in the Treasury and he was a Minister at MOD. He is a thoroughly decent and sensible person.

I will reply later today saying of course I will meet him. I think I should probably see him on my own, to look open and receptive but equally, if you think I should take someone with me, I would be open to that. I will need briefing of course. Is there anything else I should know at this stage?

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From: ARBUTHNOT, James [GRO]
Sent: 23 February 2012 09:57
To: Alice Perkins
Subject: Subpostmasters and the Post Office

Dear Alice,

You may remember that when we last met at, I think, Ditchley Park I mentioned the issue of the Horizon computer system in use in Sub Post Offices throughout the country, and said I had a real concern about the way some of the sub-Post Masters in and outside my constituency had been treated. I have spoken to Orna Ni Chionna as well about this, and she may mention it to you.

May I please come and see you about it? I know it is the position of the Post Office (supported by the National Federation of Sub Post Masters, though not by the Communications Workers Union) that there is nothing wrong with Horizon. I am deeply sceptical about this, and hope I can persuade you to look afresh at the matter, rather than accepting that there should be a closing of ranks round the computer.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours ever,

James

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