

**Initial Assessment in relation is a complaint against Councillor G Fielding**

The MO's initial assessment is that the complaint should be accepted.

11 (a) of the Cradley PC code of conduct states:

“A decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing of you or a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the Council Tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the Ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the Authority's administrative area”.

The allegation of the storing of a vehicle by the lengthsman on Cllr Fielding's drive may be construed as a close association and the awarding of a contract or increasing the hourly rate would affect the financial standing of the lengthsman.

Cllr Fielding's comment to be sought on the complaint.