

Bradford & Bingley (B&B) Update 28  
Freedom of Information Request to the European Union

Despite countless Freedom of Information (FOI) requests to Prime Ministers and Secretaries of State of successive governments since 2008, B&B shareholders, the former owners of the company, still do not know how and why their company was destroyed as an ongoing business. The only responses to these requests has been a mixture of obfuscation and subterfuge in many forms: failing to reply, destruction of records, making statements which were untrue, and arguing public interest/commercial sensitivity in order to avoid telling the TRUTH.

BBAG believes it is time to pursue the FOI route with the EU. Originally I had arranged to meet John Procter my local MEP for Yorkshire on the 14 July 2017 but suffered a stroke from which I have made a good recovery. I met John on the 4 October, he has a good understanding of our campaign and expressed astonishment at the treatment to which we have been subjected. John assured me that he would actively pursue this matter both nationally and with the EU, you will be advised immediately of any progress on this front

I would again ask you to contact your MP and MEPs asking them to support BBAG's request for an independent inquiry, preferably by the Treasury Select Committee whose chair is Nicky Morgan MP. Please advise me of the responses or lack thereof to current and any past requests you have made for support from your MPs as I intend to publish these: a Roll of Honour or Dishonour as appropriate. Our deputy chairman Tim Lowden has forged a direct link to Nicky Morgan so your support is even more important to back up our efforts to bring about an inquiry led by her.

I would appreciate any of our supporters who are constituents of Messrs Charles Elphicke Dover, Stephen Hammond Wimbledon, Alister Jack Dumfries Galloway and Kit Malthouse North West

Hampshire asking them to support an independent inquiry into the expropriation of B&B. They are newly appointed members of the Treasury Select Committee and I am meeting Nicky Morgan on the 29 September with one of her constituents. My MP Alec Shelbrooke is also contacting her on our behalf as is Philip Davies the MP for Shipley of which Bingley is part. Other MPs not yet appointed to the TSC will be approached when known.

Update 27 advised you of a planned meeting at St Columba's Church Knightsbridge this autumn subject to a good turnout, unfortunately assurances of attendance were low and this must remain no more than a possibility for the future.

When a Government confiscates the property of its citizens without reason, explanation or compensation particularly when it has failed in its duty of care to savers and investors by not adequately regulating the companies involved in the banking crisis then all concepts of fair and honest government are devalued. I have again written to Theresa May, Jeremy Corbyn and Sir Vince Cable asking them to support an independent inquiry and will advise you further if and when their replies are received

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