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## **Bernard Theobald wins his libel claim against the publisher of The Lincolnshire Echo**

Bernard Theobald, the former Leader of West Lindsey District Council and the former Chairman of its Planning Committee, has today won his libel claim against Lincolnshire Media Ltd.

The newspaper published a series of highly defamatory articles about Mr Theobald in relation to a planning application he had submitted to the Council. The newspaper has now accepted the allegations it made against Mr Theobald were completely false and should never have been published.

In addition to publishing a front page apology to Mr Theobald, the newspaper agreed to enter into a Statement in Open Court in which it apologised fully and unreservedly to Mr Theobald for the serious distress and embarrassment it caused him and in which it retracted the false allegations it made about him. The publisher also agreed to pay Mr Theobald a very substantial sum by way of compensation together with his legal costs.

Mr Theobald said:

*"I am delighted to be able to finally set the record straight and to clear my name. The newspaper has accepted that the allegations it published about me were false and should never have been published. I have achieved all*

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*the objectives I had when I first brought this claim and look forward to putting the whole episode behind me and getting on with my life.”*

A copy of the Statement in Open Court is attached.

**For further information please contact Nigel Tait or Stevie Loughrey of Carter-Ruck (020 7353 5005).**

**Note to editors:**

Before entering politics, Bernard Theobald was the manager of multi-million selling recording artist and Olivier Award winning actress **Barbara Dickson OBE**.

For more information see:

[http://www.barbaradickson.net/interview\\_38.html](http://www.barbaradickson.net/interview_38.html)