

Mrs E Denham Chairman
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House, Water Lane,
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Dear Madam

The Expropriation of Bradford & Bingley (B&B)

Please find enclosed a letter sent to the Parliamentary Ombudsman together with a full record of the sequence of events since the expropriation of B&B in 2008. This highlights the subterfuge and obfuscation to which nearly one million B&B employees, share and bond holders have been subjected to by the 'Establishment'. You will note the public interest defence of the Cabinet Office which your office supported by a narrow margin. It is the B&B Action Group's (BBAG) view that the nine year passage of time favours its many requests for a public inquiry to secure the truth and weakens the Establishment's public interest position, particularly as full details of the support given to RBS and HBOS, which had far weaker balance sheets than B&B, is in the public domain.

BBAG would urge your office to reconsider the Cabinet Office's public interest defence in the context of a public inquiry or at the least a Public Accounts or Treasury Select Committee hearing. My understanding that if all avenues in the UK have been exhausted in securing the truth one may appeal to the European Commission, please confirm if this is correct and the procedures to follow. This request is made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours Faithfully

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Chairman BBAG