



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

Thursday, October 27, 2016

### **ANTHONY BAXTER TRAILER & MOLLY FORBES CLAIMS**

The recent allegations made by Molly Forbes have been reported in a number of media outlets without seeking comment or clarification from Trump International Golf Links, Scotland. Unsurprisingly the articles contain many factual errors and omit important background information.

Trump International has never, and would never, conduct the type of activity claimed by Molly Forbes. These allegations are highly offensive, defamatory and categorically untrue. We are entirely focused on delivering a five-star golf and leisure experience for the public and enjoy a great relationship with all of our neighbours with the exception of the Forbes family and a few others who have fought the project since its inception.

We have repeatedly refuted the allegations regarding the Forbes water supply. Molly Forbes' son, Michael Forbes, is the joint owner of an antiquated, make-shift 'well' located on Trump land, the maintenance and operation of which is not the responsibility of the company. His mother lives in a caravan next to his house and relies on his water supply.

The 'well', is shared with another neighbouring property owner, who will confirm that their water system has historically been unreliable and fraught with problems, long before Trump owned the land. Five years ago, an unknown, underground clay pipe was unintentionally disrupted by our lead contractor and was repaired immediately. The neighbour who shares the 'well' with Forbes can attest that his water supply was only temporarily affected and rectified fully within a few days.

Both property owners have a right of access onto our land to maintain and service their 'well' as they see fit. Over the years, Forbes has personally dug up his well, dislodged and broken pipes and

subsequently blamed the company. Last year in an effort to be neighbourly, and whilst we were under no obligation to do so, we offered to connect both properties to our mains water system. Due to Forbes' unreasonable behaviour and unwillingness to take responsibility for the ongoing servicing of their 'well', Forbes' neighbour opted to be connected to our mains water.

Mr & Mrs Forbes rejected our offer to be connected to mains water.

Trump International has sought legal counsel and will pursue legal action against those who have propagated these highly defamatory claims.

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**NOTES TO EDITOR**

- Molly Forbes herself previously litigated against Trump International Golf Links Scotland at the planning stage. She lost. She was ordered to pay Trump's legal costs estimated at £50,000. Trump International has not enforced that award of costs.
- Copy of letter issued to Mr & Mrs Forbes documenting the sequence of events and communications regarding water supply with Trump International.