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Waterport Terraces Service Charges

“The GSLP has got into the habit of “crying foul” whenever the Government exposes its political lies and deceit”.

People in Gibraltar will surely have noticed the GSLP’s trademark political practice. They say what they like about the Government and when the Government replies exposing their lies and deceit of public opinion, the GSLP’s response is always the same. They accuse the Government of “insults”, “innuendo”, “hysteria” and “cover-up”.

The GSLP is right to say that they have a political obligation to keep Government actions under scrutiny. But that does not include or justify falsifying or distorting facts for their political convenience. That is not scrutinising Government actions, it is simple political dishonesty.

People are free to re-read for themselves the GSLP’s first statement relating to Waterport Terraces Service Charges and to consider whether its content (and indeed its intended political purpose) was to make people believe that service charges would be payable before homes were ready for buyers to take possession of, that the service charges were too high, and that the Government could or should lower them, and that all this was spitefulness by the Chief Minister in punishing buyers for demonstrating outside Parliament. All of these statements by the GSLP are demonstrably untrue.

The GSLP statement was an act of political deceit and hypocrisy from beginning to end. The GSLP are now effectively saying that what they were complaining about in the statement was that buyers, whose homes were ready and who were in the lawyers offices actually completing the purchase of their completed homes were required to pay two months future service charges at the completion meeting, i.e. five minutes before being physically able to go from the completion meeting in the lawyers office to what was by then their property. This absurd point beggars belief and serves to underscore the lack of political integrity in Mr Picardo’s initial statement.

Mr Picardo is prone to such statements and political tactics, as another statement to be issued by the Government during the next few days will further demonstrate.