

# Reader 'insulted' by mayor's actions

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 support for a petition to have a sidewalk moved closer to the road. I also phoned Mayor Sainsbury. I was astonished at the mayor's unwillingness to even listen to my neighborhood's concerns and I was insulted by her peremptory dismissal of our concerns as if they were unworthy of her consideration. I submitted the petition and

attended the council meeting at which the problem was to be resolved. Sainsbury made sure that she went through all the motions but it was very apparent that my arguments were not considered worth hearing. Although there were some valid arguments to support the recommended location, Mayor Sainsbury's arguments were flippant and unsubstantiated. My concerns as a

taxpaying citizen were treated as if they were a minor irritant to be swept away with as little discussion as possible. The voting was so muddled in the rush to get it over with that my own councillor, whom I know supported us, voted against us by mistake, at first. I lost my petition to have the sidewalk moved closer to the road but that is not the reason why I no longer sup-

port the mayor. Fran Sainsbury's arrogance toward individual taxpayers' concerns makes her unworthy of the office that she holds. I wonder how many other taxpayers have been alienated by her rudeness. For me, the slogan in the next election will be "Anybody But Fran."

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