

## JOINT PRESS STATEMENT

Mr and Mrs Roberts, Wyre Borough Council and the Lancashire Constabulary have come to an agreement today regarding a claim brought against Wyre Borough Council and the Lancashire Constabulary by the Roberts' for breaches of their rights to freedom of expression and freedom of religion arising out of the reporting, recording and investigation of an alleged incident involving the Roberts'.

The Roberts' voiced their opinion about a Gay Rights issue in December 2005 and were subject to police investigation.

All the parties have gone through a formal mediation process.

Wyre Borough Council and Lancashire Constabulary have apologised to Mr and Mrs Roberts for the way the incident was handled and have revised their policies and procedures to ensure that the rights of all parties are protected. This includes the right of free speech and the right to protect vulnerable groups. The Constabulary recognises the need to investigate incidents appropriately.

The Roberts' have agreed to withdraw their claim on the basis that they will be paid £10,000, which will be donated to charity by them, and legal costs.