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Dear Sir

Prior to retirement I lived in Cambridgeshire and travelled every day into central and east London, where I dealt with consulting engineers and visited major construction sites. This I did for 25 years.

The only expenses ever allowed by my company during that period was parking. As for the tax office they ensured that the only real benefit I received (a car) was set against my tax allowance, In fact I clearly recall that in later years £1800 was set against it!

You can be sure of one thing and that is if I had tried to cheat my company (which was very large) I would have been out of the door in seconds. If I had tried to cheat the tax office; well we are all aware how quickly they can and do crush the individual who attempts to do so.

There is no excuse what so ever for a second home. An MP should be allowed a flat for his period of office, organised and administered by an external party. No one, absolutely no one, should be allowed to make profit.

As for the salary not being enough - what rubbish £64K is a damn good salary. Listening to some of the MPs on question time trying to articulate a question, demonstrates quite clearly that many are grossly overpaid.

I hope you have the courage to end debacle this once and for all.

R Edwards