

A hero bows out

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Richard Allen, who has tirelessly campaigned against VAT abuse from the Channel Islands, and who has won his campaign to end this abuse, [has signed off his blog dedicated to this issue](#) since this is a campaign that can safely be said to have concluded.

Richard never imagined he'd be a tax campaigner. Indeed, in many ways he wasn't. He wanted a level playing field for business free from the distortions that tax abuse can create.

I salute his work. He's thanked me on his blog - but this was really his campaign and without his work it would not have been won. He's a real hero. And so I share the video he put up to signal the end of his work, and look forward to the day when we can say the same for tax havens as a whole: