

COMMUNITY ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACT 2008

76. ----- Meaning of anti-social behaviour

(1) Anti-social behaviour is any action by a person which has or was reasonably likely to pester, harass or distress any person.

(2) To constitute anti-social behaviour there must be more than one act prohibited by subsection (1) above.

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129. — Qualification for service as an assessor

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, every person shall be qualified to serve as an assessor in the Community Anti-Social Behaviour Court and be liable accordingly to attend for service as an assessor when summoned under this Act if—

(a) he is for the time being registered as a parliamentary or local government elector and is not less than eighteen nor more than seventy years of age;

(b) he has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for any period of at least five years since attaining the age of thirteen;

(c) he is not a mentally disordered person; and

(d) he is not disqualified for service as an assessor.

(2) In subsection (1) above “mentally disordered person” means any person listed in Part 1 of Schedule 15 to this Act.

(3) The persons who are disqualified for service as an assessor are those listed in Part II of that Schedule.

131.— Discharge of assessor.

(1) At any time during the course of a trial in the Community Anti-Social Behaviour Court, the judge may, if he considers it appropriate to do so, having regard to the interests of justice, discharge any assessor or assessors.

132.— Continuation of criminal trial on death or discharge of assessor.

(1) Where in the course of a trial in the Community Anti-Social Behaviour Court, an assessor dies or is discharged by the judge, but the number of its members is not reduced below five, the remaining assessors shall nevertheless be considered as remaining for all the purposes of that trial properly constituted, and the trial shall proceed and a verdict may be given accordingly.

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SCHEDULE 15

PART II

PERSONS DISQUALIFIED

1.— A person who has at any time been sentenced in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man—

- (a) to imprisonment for life, detention for life or custody for life,
- (b) to detention during her Majesty's pleasure or during the pleasure of the Secretary of State,
- (c) to imprisonment for public protection or detention for public protection,
- (d) to an extended sentence under section 227 or 228 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 or section 210A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, or
- (e) to a term of imprisonment of five years or more or a term of detention of five years or more.

2.— A person who at any time in the last ten years has—

- (a) in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man—
 - (i) served any part of a sentence of imprisonment or a sentence of detention, or
 - (ii) had passed on him a suspended sentence of imprisonment or had made in respect of him a suspended order for detention,
- (b) in England and Wales, had made in respect of him a community order under section 177 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003, a community rehabilitation order, a community punishment order, a community punishment and rehabilitation order, a drug treatment and testing order or a drug abstinence order, or
- (c) had made in respect of him any corresponding order under the law of Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands.

3.— For the purposes of this Part of this Schedule—

- (a) a sentence passed by a court-martial is to be treated as having been passed in the United Kingdom, and
- (b) a person is sentenced to a term of detention if, but only if—
 - (i) a court passes on him, or makes in respect of him on conviction, any sentence or order which requires him to be detained in custody for any period, and
 - (ii) the sentence or order is available only in respect of offenders below a certain age,

and any reference to serving a sentence of detention is to be construed accordingly.

COMMUNITY ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR RULES 2008

1. The Paramount Objective

(1) In all decisions of the court, it shall seek to further the Paramount Objective so far as is practicable

(2) The Paramount Objective is to deal with all matters justly.

(3) Dealing with matters justly includes –

- (a) ensuring that all cases are dealt with expeditiously and fairly;
- (b) ensuring that the parties are on an equal footing;
- (c) identifying the issues in the case at the earliest opportunity.
- (d) narrowing the issues between the parties.
- (e) giving appropriate directions to ensure the orderly dispatch of business;
- (f) avoiding delay;

2. The Court's Case Management Powers

(1) In furthering the Paramount Objective the court may take any step or make any order for the purpose of furthering the Paramount Objective including compelling a witness to attend a trial.....

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Community Anti Social Behaviour Court	No : 08ASB 01897
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<i>Applicant Name and Address:</i>	
New Start Housing Association 12 Westminster Street. Tunbridge Wells. Kent. TN30 1DS	
Applicant	

<i>(First) Respondent's Name and Address:</i>	
Susan Peel. 14 Merevale Close, Hildenborough Down Estate Tunbridge Wells. Kent. TN30 3FG	
First Respondent	

<i>(Second) Respondent's Name and Address:</i>	
Robert Peel, 14 Merevale Close, Hildenborough Down Estate Tunbridge Wells. Kent. TN30 3FG	
Second Respondent	

<i>(Third) Respondent's Name and Address:</i>	
George Stewart, 14 Merevale Close, Hildenborough Down Estate Tunbridge Wells. Kent. TN30 3FG	
Third Respondent	

For further Respondents use a continuation sheet

Notice to the above named Respondent(s)	Address for documents :
<p>The Applicant alleges that you have been involved in anti social behaviour as appears on the next pages. You are required to file a response in Response Form that accompanies this application.</p> <p>Failure to file a response and come to any hearing could lead to the loss of your home or a fine or imprisonment.</p>	Lord House, 11 Liverpool Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. TN30 2AS Phone : 01895 345678

First Hearing:

On : Friday 25th April 2008 at 11.30 a.m
At : Lord House, 11 Liverpool Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. TN30 2AS

Details of Complaint

1. The Applicant, New Start Housing Association is a body approved by Community Anti Social Behaviour Act 2008 and is a Registered Social Landlord, incorporated to provide housing to those who have experienced a disrupted upbringing or drug or drink dependency and are recovering from that dependency. For every property let the Association has four families on its waiting list.
2. The First Respondent was discharged from the 'Way Back Project', following successful completion of a rehabilitation programme for heroin addiction in October 2005
3. By an agreement dated the 5th November 2005 the Applicant let to the First Respondent 14 Merevale Close, Hildenborough Down Estate, Tunbridge Wells. Kent. TN30 3FG. The other Respondents are resident at the address with her from dates unknown to the Applicant, save that the Second Respondent is her 17 year old son and has lived at the address since the inception of the tenancy. Merevale Close is a development of 23 properties. 11 families in the Close have completed Anti Social Behaviour Packs and complained about the conduct of the Respondents.
4. The Respondents have been guilty of anti social behaviour from the 3rd December 2005 to the present.

Particulars of Anti Social Behaviour

5. On occasions too numerous to mention between the 17th July 2006 and the present, the Respondents have indulged in drinking parties in the front garden of the property, which have extended until the early hours of the morning and involved arguing, fighting, swearing, shouting and the smashing of glass. Any neighbours who have remonstrated have been targeted by the Second and Third Respondent who have approached them and threatened them.
6. The Second Respondent is the leader of a gang of youths aged between fourteen and twenty. They have targeted those tenants of the Applicant who have complained at the behaviour of the Respondents and have damaged their property and threatened them.
7. The Police have advised that "Local opinion indicates that these persons [Robert Peel and George Stewart] are establishing themselves as local leaders and causing concern to a widening area of Hildenborough residents through their propensity to steal, burgle and deal in drugs"
8. In January 2007 the First Respondent invited a Schedule 1 Sex Offender to live with them, one Henry Addington. When the local community became aware of the presence of Addington, a petition was signed by local residents. On the 20th January 2007 crowds gathered and a riot ensued which had to be dispersed by the police, during which three officers were injured.
9. On the 21st January 2007 the Applicant served notice on the First

Details of Complaint continued.

Respondent to remove Addington. She failed to comply and, on the 23rd January 2007 a further riot ensued, which again had to be dispersed by the police.

10. On the 15th April 2007 a group of some fifteen youths gathered at the entrance to Merevale Close seeking the Second and Third Respondents because he had burgled a number of properties in the area. All the Respondents armed themselves with sticks, rocks and baseball bats and threatened the youths until they left the Close. The other residents of Merevale Close were put in fear that their property would be damaged and that they would be injured.
11. On diverse dates between July 2007 and October 2007 the Second and Third Respondents and their gang of youths persistently rode a go kart up and down Merevale Close at hours between noon and 2 a.m. causing a disturbance to the residents of the Close.
12. The Applicant has given the First Respondent every opportunity to discuss the Applicant's concerns. It is the Applicant's policy to try to resolve tenancy matters informally and through consensus. Accordingly they have written to the First Respondent about her conduct on five times in 2006 and eight times in 2007, the last being June of that year. The First Respondent has never responded to the letters. The Applicant is satisfied that the First Respondent is literate and needs no assistance in understanding communications received.

Relief Sought.

13. The Applicant suggests that Respondents have been guilty of severe anti social behaviour affecting the lives of at least eleven residents who have complained over the behaviour of the Respondents. This behaviour has involved criminal behaviour in terms of threats to the community, keeping residents and their children awake at night during school term time.
14. The First Respondent has rejected all attempts by the Applicant to resolve this matter peacefully and through discussion, having been written to on numerous occasions.
15. In these circumstances the Applicant seeks:
 - (a) A Curfew Order directed to all the Respondents, requiring them to remain in 14 Merevale House, Hildenborough Down Estate, Tunbridge Wells, Kent between the hours of 10.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m. for a period of twelve months.
 - (b) An order excluding the Third Respondent George Stewart from the Hildenborough Down Estate, Tunbridge Wells, Kent for a period of two years.

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- (c) That the Second and Third Respondent be the subject of a Community Recompense Order of 100 hours.
- (d) That all Respondents be the subject of a contract order on such terms as the Court see fit.

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New Start Housing Association, 12 Westminster Street. Tunbridge Wells. Kent. TN30 1DS

Notes

1. Failure to file a response within 14 days of receiving this form and to come to the first hearing without reasonable excuse may lead to you being summoned to appear before the Court to show cause why you should not be imprisoned, fined or an order for possession made in respect for your property.
2. If you are in any doubt about the contents of this form or how to complete the replies you should consult the Citizens Advice Bureau or a solicitor. You may be eligible for public funding of your defence costs.

Dated 14th February 2008.

Further Respondents (continued)

William Huskisson
14 Merevale Close,
Hildenborough Down Estate
Tunbridge Wells.
Kent. TN30 3FG

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Response Form

Applicant Name and Address:

New Start Housing Association
 12 Westminster Street.
 Tunbridge Wells.
 Kent.
 TN30 1DS

Applicant

Name and Address of Person Responding

Susan Peel.
 14 Merevale Close,
 Hildenborough Down Estate
 Tunbridge Wells.
 Kent. TN30 3FG

First Respondent

First Hearing:

Friday 25th April 2008 at 11.30 a.m

At : Lord House, 11 Liverpool Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. TN30 2AS

Details of Response

(Complete your replies to the Details of Complaint. You should answer each allegation made in the complaint and add any other information that you think might help the Court in deciding your case)

1. I deny that I am responsible for anything that is said about me. My neighbours have had it in for me since before I came to live in Merevale Close. Before I arrived someone had painted on the door 'Druggies Out'. I have had hate mail posted through my door and excrement as well. I have complained to the housing association, Jill Cooper. She has refused to do anything about this, she just ignores everything that I say and takes the side of the others.

2. I have had a hard time getting over my drugs and getting my Bob out of care. I only want a quiet life and the other residents will not let me have one, they just want me out. The Police know that I have drug offences from when I was on heroin and they think that I am still involved. I told Sergeant Grey that I am clean now and that I have done the Way Back Course and I'm not going back, he just says that there is no smoke without fire.

3. He has got it in for Bob because he got expelled from school. That was not his fault, he got picked on and bullied because he can't read and write yet, because he changed lots of schools when he was in care. Bob is a good boy and just wants to have some friends and get a job. It is not true what the Housing Association are saying about him. They are in it with the police. He is not part of a gang, he just hangs around with his mates. It's Billy Lamb at number 20 who is the trouble maker and I have told Bob to keep away from him, which he does.

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4. I admit that Harry Addington was living with me for a bit. I knew him at Way Back and he got flung out of his flat just before Christmas, so that I said that he could stay with me for a few weeks so that he could get himself back on his feet. Then

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Chris Lamb at number 20 found out and said that I was moving druggies into the Close and soon they would be drowning in needles. He told everyone that Harry was a 'paedo' and then everyone got up in arms and attacked my house. Jill Cooper took their side and told me I had to get rid of Harry before there was any more trouble. I told Harry what she had said and he said that he would go to his sisters' when he got his cheque. The police kept a patrol car driving through the Close for a couple of days after, but when they had gone Chris Lamb got his mates to come back and threaten us again. Someone tried to smash our front door in. The next day Harry said that he had to go and left. It was not my fault that Chris Lamb told all the lies about me. He said that Harry had come back in April, so his mates came down again. I told George and Bob to tell them he wasn't here and then the mates went.

5. We had the trike thing. It was part of Bob's car mechanics course at college. He made it with some other kids at college. They left it at the back of our house because we had the room in front of the garage. Bob told me he sold it to Billy Dwyer who are the pikeys living at number 10. I complained to Jill Cooper about the boys riding the trike up and down because it was making me more depressed and I could not sleep during the day. I agree that Bob was with the boys sometimes when the lads were driving it. I told him not to. But he wanted to be with his mates and he could make it work.
6. I deny that we have ever had parties at our house. Others in the close have parties but we don't.
7. George Stewart doesn't live with us any more. He was Bob's mate from school but was rehoused into a half way house run by New Start, three months ago. They know what his new address is.
8. All I want is a quiet life. I have been the victim of a hate campaign which has made me very depressed and unable to cope. My community psychiatric nurse, Peter Owen has been helping me for the last eight months and he will tell the court that he has been helping me with the victimisation and sorting out of paperwork.

Susan Peel.

Dated 28th February 2008.

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Response Form

Applicant Name and Address:

New Start Housing Association
 12 Westminster Street.
 Tunbridge Wells.
 Kent.
 TN30 1DS

Applicant

Name and Address of Person Responding

Robert Peel.
 14 Merevale Close,
 Hildenborough Down Estate
 Tunbridge Wells.
 Kent. TN30 3FG

First Respondent

First Hearing:

Friday 25th April 2008 at 11.30 a.m

At : Lord House, 11 Liverpool Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. TN30 2AS

Details of Response

(Complete your replies to the Details of Complaint. You should answer each allegation made in the complaint and add any other information that you think might help the Court in deciding your case)

1. I agree with wot mum says
2. I am not guilty.

BOB P .

Dated 28th February 2008.

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<p><i>Applicant Name and Address:</i></p> <p>New Start Housing Association 12 Westminster Street. Tunbridge Wells. Kent. TN30 1DS</p>	<p>Applicant</p>
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<p><i>(First) Respondent's Name and Address:</i></p> <p>Susan Peel. 14 Merevale Close, Hildenborough Down Estate Tunbridge Wells. Kent. TN30 3FG</p>	<p>First Respondent</p>
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<p><i>(Second) Respondent's Name and Address:</i></p> <p>Robert Peel, 14 Merevale Close, Hildenborough Down Estate Tunbridge Wells. Kent. TN30 3FG</p>	<p>Second Respondent</p>
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<p><i>(Third) Respondent's Name and Address:</i></p> <p>George Stewart, 14 Merevale Close, Hildenborough Down Estate Tunbridge Wells. Kent. TN30 3FG</p>	<p>Third Respondent</p>
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Grenville and Wellesley
 34 Shaftsbury Lane,
 Tunbridge Wells,
 Kent.
 TN29 1ED

Have been appointed to act for the Respondents in this matter.

6th June 2008.

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Application for an order.

<i>Applicant Name and Address:</i> New Start Housing Association 12 Westminster Street. Tunbridge Wells. Kent. TN30 1DS	Applicant
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<i>Name and Address of Person Responding</i> Susan Peel. 14 Merevale Close, Hildenborough Down Estate Tunbridge Wells. Kent. TN30 3FG	First Respondent
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What I am applying for:

(Tell the Court what order you are seeking and the reasons why the Court should make the order)

The First Respondent seeks an order in the following terms:

1. For a direction that, unless William Lamb attends the final hearing of this matter on the 14th July 2008, his evidence shall be excluded from the trial.
2. For permission to rely on the witness statement of Peter Owen and Simon Hunt at the trial of this matter.

The grounds for the order sought are contained in the Witness statement of Robert Wellesley served with this application.

Dated 27th June 2008

Grenville and Wellesley
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Tunbridge Wells,
Kent.
TN29 1ED

IN THE COMMUNITY ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR COURT

NEW START HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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SUSAN PEEL

STATEMENT OF ROBERT WELLESLEY

I, Robert Wellesley, solicitor of 34 Shaftsbury Lane, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. TN29 1ED make this statement in support of the First Respondent's application of the 27th June 2008

1. By way of background, my firm was only recently instructed in this matter on the 1st June 2008. Delay occurred because the First Respondent has been severely depressed and has difficulties in coping with life and paperwork in particular. It seems that, on the 1st March this year she sought to take her life through a drug overdose and was admitted to hospital. This has delayed her giving instructions to me and public funding was only granted on the 6th June 2008.
2. I appreciate that the final hearing of this matter is listed for the 14th July next and hence time is short. However it is apparent to me that there have been significant omissions in the preparation of the case due to the First Respondent's lack of legal knowledge. I am now seeking to put this case into some form whereby it can be properly tried.

The attendance of William Lamb

3. The Court will understand that William Lamb is the son of Christopher Lamb, the resident of 20 Merevale Close. It is the First Respondent's case that many of the matters alleged against her are truly the behaviour of Christopher Lamb. It seems that William Lamb has left his father's address to live with his fiancé's family following an altercation which has led to Christopher Lamb being charged with various public order offences and offences of violence in respect of his son. William Lamb has given a lengthy statement to the Applicant alleging that the First Respondent held parties in her front garden which involved the use of drugs. He has also alleged that the First Respondent was responsible for the disturbances of January and April 2007. His is the sole evidence in support of some of the 'party incidents' and the principle evidence suggesting that the Second and Third

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Respondent had been damaging property in the area. In his statements (taken by the Applicant's Housing Officer) William Lamb says that he is too scared of the Respondents to come to the Court. It is the First Respondent's case that these statements were largely instigated by Christopher Lamb to protect himself.

4. Now that William is no longer beholden to his father for accommodation, it is believed that he will not now support his father's account and will give a version of events more in accordance with that of the First Respondent. He has verbally confirmed this to the Second Respondent.
5. The First Respondent accepts that the Court can take into account a written statement and attach to it such weight as seems appropriate. However in this case William Lamb's evidence is critical and events have now occurred which suggest that his statement can no longer be relied upon. The First Respondent is anxious that William Lamb comes to the Court or that his evidence is ruled inadmissible now. If the latter course is taken then it is thought that half of the incidents can be removed from the trial and the Applicant will take a different approach to sanctions. It might even be possible that the matter can be resolved without the necessity of a trial.

The statements of Peter Owen and Simon Hunt.

6. The Applicant will seek to rely on two further statements at the trial of this matter. Peter Owen and Simon Hunt. Both witnesses have been seen, but sheer pressure of time and the need to get this application before the Court as soon as possible means that we have not yet had these approved by the witnesses. However I can say that Peter Owen is the First Respondent's CPN. His evidence is largely of a background nature. He has been involved with her for the last year, but has access to the social services file. He will be able to confirm the great efforts and success that the First Respondent made in order to rid herself of her addiction to heroin. He will talk of the efforts that she made to get her son Robert out of care. He will be able to talk of his personal and ongoing involvement in the First Applicant's life since her discharge from hospital in March. He can confirm the First Respondent's ongoing depression and to confirm the assistance that the local authority will be able to offer her in the future especially in terms of enhanced support with her with her paperwork and finances, as he understands that there are rent arrears.
7. The statement of Simon Hunt will be short and is confined to the following aspects of the case. Mr Hunt is a local resident living at 1 Merevale Close, who drinks in Chris Lamb's local pub. He will give evidence of two conversations that he had

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with Chris Lamb in which the latter referred to the Respondents as “all a bunch of druggies” and that he intended to get the Respondents out of the Close “no matter what it takes”. He will also suggest that Chris Lamb went round the Close spreading rumours about the Respondents before they moved into the Close and that he created an atmosphere of suspicion and fear about the Respondents in the Close. He encouraged tenants to make complaints to the Applicant. Mindful of my duty of openness to the Court I must also say that the witness will confirm that the Applicant held a few parties in her front garden and to that extent his evidence will not assist the First Respondent. He only spoke to the First Respondent by chance on the 24th May 2008 and made this information available to her. He is prepared to attend the final hearing.

8. In conclusion I apologise to the Court that this application is made shortly before the hearing. My firm has had to get to grips with a complex case in a short time and submit that this evidence is necessary for a fair trial. My client is anxious that this matter is not adjourned.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true

Robert Wellesley

Robert Wellesley.

Solicitor of the Supreme Court.

Dated this 27th day of June 2008

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IN THE COMMUNITY ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR COURT

NEW START HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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SUSAN PEEL

STATEMENT OF JILL COOPER

I, Jill Cooper, Housing Officer of 12 Westminster Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN29 1ED make this statement in opposition to the First Respondent's application of the 27th June 2008.

1. The Applicant opposes the First Respondent's application in its entirety, save that we have no objection to the evidence of Peter Owen, though we question its relevance.
2. William Lamb is a crucial witness for the Applicant, he is a young and vulnerable man who has suffered at the hands of the Second and Third Respondent. He knows them to be men capable of holding a grudge and of being violent. They have threatened him on numerous occasions. I understand that it is not the case that he left his father's address because of an altercation with his father, but rather because he feared being in close proximity to the Second and Third Respondent. I have spoken to him and he remains in fear of the Second and Third Respondent. I harbour doubts about whether he will attend the Court and, without his evidence the Applicant's case will be severely prejudiced. I ask the Court to dismiss paragraph one of the application.
3. Finally I turn to the applications to admit the further evidence of Peter Owen and Simon Hunt. The first hearing of this matter was on the 25th April 2008. On that occasion the Court ordered witness statements be served by the 16th May 2008. The President of the Court gave a long and careful explanation of the requirements to the First Respondent and stressed the importance of filing evidence in time so that the Applicant was not prejudiced by the late service of additional evidence. The

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Applicant wrote to the First Respondent on the 9th May indicating that they were ready to exchange witness statements, which were exchanged shortly thereafter. This application comes late in the day and runs counter to the warning given in April. If time limits are not adhered to then there is little point in the Court making the comments that they did.

4. In any event we would submit that the evidence of Peter Owen is largely irrelevant to whether the First Respondent is guilty of the behaviour complained of in the case. We would ask you to say that this evidence is irrelevant and served too late and in breach of the Court orders.
5. The evidence of Simon Hunt presents specific prejudice to the Applicant. It represents an entirely new allegation that Chris Lamb orchestrated a campaign against the First Respondent. Firstly we say that it is simply too late to raise this issue. Secondly this allegation increases the pressure on the Applicant to call William Lamb to refute this allegation and we have already referred to his fears above. Thirdly we understand that Chris Lamb is presently remanded in custody for unspecified criminal offences and it may not be possible to have him produced for the final hearing. Whereas the original intention of the Applicant was to call him, we may now have to rely on his written evidence. It would not be possible to find him in the prison system, see him and prove him on the allegations made by Hunt, even if we had the witness statement, which we do not.
6. In these circumstances we would ask that the application is dismissed in its entirety.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true

Jill Cooper
2nd July 2008.

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Note as to lay representatives and McKenzie Friends.

Lay Representatives are advocates without general rights of audience, who are permitted, at the discretion of the court, to address it and to conduct the case on behalf of the Litigant in Person.

McKenzie Friends render assistance in presenting a case. They are people who quietly assist a Litigant in Person by taking notes and making suggestions or giving advice to the Litigant in Person when called upon. They may assist the Litigant in Person with managing the paperwork in the case. Unlike a Lay Representatives, they do not address the court or tribunal directly.