

EALING ABBEY

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RE: EALING ABBEY — 21st JULY 2010

Anthony John Nelson, Senior Partner of Howarth & Gallagher Solicitors, was instructed by Reverend Abbot Martin Shipperlee on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2010 to advise and assist the Abbey and School in connection with child protection issues following receipt of a report

Travel to Ealing the following day, 21<sup>st</sup> July, met with the Abbot and took detailed and comprehensive instructions from him. Mr Nelson expressed concern about the draft report of the ISI and great concern over the oral representations made by the Abbot in connection with matters concerning the Department for Education and the Independent Schools Inspectorate.

It was Mr Nelson's view that the School and Abbey, the Abbot essentially being the Head of both, should seek to establish trust with the Regulatory Authorities and to avoid at all costs mistrust.

The following day, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, a meeting took place in Ealing Abbey, between Reverend Abbot Martin Shipperlee, Mr Barry Hudd, a lay advisor to the community, and Mr Nelson. Inter alia, what was resolved at that meeting was that Mr Nelson would endeavour to arrange a face-to-face meeting with senior officials of the Department for Education and the Independent Schools Inspectorate.

Over a number of years, various allegations of sexual abuse both by clerical and lay teacher have been made, generally of an historic nature, concerning incidents which had allegedly taken place at least 20 years before any complaint was made. Whilst the majority of these allegations, criminal and