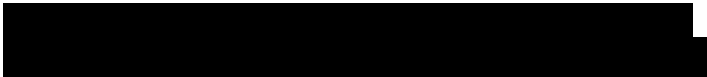




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Mr Smith,

Thank you for your email and attachments.

I am grateful to note that Core Participant status has been bestowed on the Chief Constable and I am grateful for the early notification. I can advise that Sam Leek QC (5 Essex Court) has been retained to represent the interests of the Chief Constable at the Inquiry.

If it assists I can advise that the Chief Constable will not seek to address the Chair at the Preliminary Hearing on the Scope of the Lord Janner investigation. We would however wish to reserve our position on the assumption that paragraph 2.1 will be particularised further in due course.

I am grateful for sight of the general submissions by Counsel to the Inquiry on the question of broadcasting proceedings. I note the proposal that the matter be listed for a determination at a later date. Again, if it assists, I can advise that we would support that suggestion. As you will be aware from earlier meetings with representatives of Leicestershire Police, the recent police investigation into Lord Janner had cause to revisit some of the earlier police investigations conducted by Leicestershire Constabulary. In the course of our review, it has become apparent that there were allegations about the criminal conduct of other parties that required closer scrutiny. Those investigations continue and whilst our enquiries, to date, have not revealed an evidential link between these individuals and Lord Janner, there are alleged victims who assert that they were abused separately by Lord Janner and these individuals. In addition to the issues raised by Counsel to the Inquiry, the Chair may in considering the worth of introducing measures to restrict the broadcast of any inappropriate material also wish to be addressed on the benefit that such an approach would bring in terms of negating the possibility of jeopardising ongoing investigations. Similarly, given the emotive nature of child sexual abuse, if there was no means to restrict the broadcast of any inappropriate material there is a risk of vigilante attacks against individuals alleged in evidence to be offenders.

In terms of any timetable for further hearings particularly in relation to institutional failings, it may, with an eye on the police investigation and the wealth of material that is available to the Inquiry to review, be worth delaying such consideration until the police investigation and disclosure exercise has matured somewhat. The Inquiry will be conscious that any evidence uncovered by the ongoing police investigation into the activities of other offenders contemporaneous to the allegations around Lord Janner may become of central importance to the issues identified by the Inquiry at paragraph 2 of its Scope.

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