

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
CORE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION**

1. On 9th March 2016, at the Preliminary Hearing of the Lord Greville Janner investigation, I indicated that I would reserve to a later date my determination of the renewed core participant application by Nigel O'Mara. I gave that indication because, as I said, I wanted to consider with care of all the written and oral submissions made by Mr Stein QC on behalf of Mr O'Mara. I have now had the opportunity to do so and have considered carefully all of the following submitted by him.
    - (i) the written application made on behalf of Mr O'Mara for core participant status, dated 29th January 2016;
    - (ii) the further submissions in writing made on behalf of Mr O'Mara, dated 6th March 2016;
    - (iii) the oral submissions made on behalf of Mr O'Mara by Mr Stein at the preliminary hearing before me, to which I listened in full on 9th March 2016. The transcript of those submissions has been made available on the Inquiry website.
  2. I have reminded myself of the statutory criteria that govern the determination of core participant status, pursuant to Rule 5 of the Inquiry Rules 2006. Mr O'Mara relies on the provisions in Rule 5(2)(a) and (b), which direct me to consider whether a person has played a direct and significant role in matters to which the Inquiry relates or whether a person has a significant interest in an important aspect of the matters to which the Inquiry relates.
  3. Mr O'Mara's application for core participant status is based on his role as a campaigner and founder of Survivors UK who received allegations of abuse by Lord Janner from a number of complainants and sought to pass on that information to relevant authorities. He says that his attempts to bring to light the allegations he received were ignored. He also suggests that a
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physical attack he experienced may have been linked to his role in advancing the allegations made against Lord Janner.

4. Mr O'Mara, and the organisation he founded, have made substantial contributions to supporting survivors of child sexual abuse and campaigning for their rights to be recognised. I do not doubt that, in this role, Mr O'Mara received allegations of abuse by Lord Janner and that he may have taken steps to bring these allegations to the attention of relevant authorities.
5. On 26 February 2016, I made a Provisional Decision declining Mr O'Mara's application on the basis that he did not have first-hand evidence to give the Inquiry and that his role was one of potential witness, rather than core participant. I have not had placed before me, either in writing or orally, any material to cause me to change that provisional view. Mr O'Mara does not say he was a victim of abuse by Lord Janner, nor does he say he has first hand knowledge of any alleged abuse. While the evidence Mr O'Mara has indicated he can give to the Inquiry may, if accepted, support a finding of institutional failure, I am not satisfied that that alone is sufficient to suggest that Mr O'Mara played or may have played a direct and significant role in relation to matters to which this investigation relates or that Mr O'Mara may have a significant interest in an important aspect of the matters under consideration. I am therefore not satisfied that Mr O'Mara fulfils the criteria in Rule 5(2) of the the Inquiry Rules 2006 or that there are other good reasons to designate Mr O'Mara as a core participant.
6. I will keep the designation of core participants under review and this decision does not preclude Mr O'Mara from applying to be a core participant in any other investigation. I note that he may have a more direct and significant interest in the investigation into the failure to protect children in the care of Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire councils and I will consider any application he makes in that investigation on its merits.

Hon. Dame Lowell Goddard DNZM  
Chair, Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

24 March 2016