

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
CORE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION**

1. On 5 January 2016 the Inquiry invited anyone who wished to be designated as a core participant in the Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale investigation to make an application to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by 5 February 2016.
2. An application has been made by A3 for core participant status in the Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale investigation. This notice sets out my determination of the application.
3. I made a provisional ruling declining the application on 29 February 2016. A3 was provided with an opportunity to renew his application at a preliminary hearing on 16 March 2016. A3 did not renew his application. Accordingly, this notice sets out my final determination of the application.
4. Applications for core participant status are considered under Rule 5 of The Inquiry Rules 2006 which provides:
  - (1) *The chairman may designate a person as a core participant at any time during the course of the inquiry, provided that person consents to being so designated.*
  - (2) *In deciding whether to designate a person as a core participant, the chairman must in particular consider whether –*
    - a. *The person played, or may have played, a direct and significant role in relation to the matters to which the inquiry relates;*
    - b. *The person has a significant interest in an important aspect of the matters to which the inquiry relates; or*
    - c. *The person may be subject to explicit or significant criticism during the inquiry proceedings or in the report, or in any interim report.*
  - (3) *A person ceases to be a core participant on –*
    - a. *the date specified by the chairman in writing; or*

*b. the end of the inquiry.*

5. In determining the application, the matters listed in Rule 5(2) must be considered, but the list is not exhaustive and I may also take into account other relevant matters.
6. Having regard to the provisions of Rule 5(2), I am not satisfied that A3 fulfils the criteria for designation or that there are other good reasons to designate A3 as a core participant.
7. From the information which has been provided in the application, I understand that A3 attended Cambridge House Boys' Hostel on two occasions in [REDACTED]. It appears from the information provided that what A3 alleges amounts to physical abuse rather than sexual abuse.
8. I wish to make it quite clear that in refusing this application, I am not diminishing the impact of physical abuse upon those children who suffer it. However, I must have regard to (and am bound by) the remit of this Inquiry and to the scope of this investigation (relevant to this application), which is to consider allegations related to the sexual abuse and exploitation of children residing at or attending Cambridge House.
9. I will keep the scope of the investigation and the designation of core participants under review as the inquiry progresses and further invitations to apply for core participant status may be made as the investigation proceeds. My decision not to designate A3 as a core participant in this particular investigation does not preclude A3 from making a future application in respect of other investigations. I will consider any future application which A3 wishes to make on its merits.

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

**16 March 2016**