

**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. On 5 February 2016, an application was made by A8 for core participant status in the Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale investigation. This notice sets out my determination of his application.
3. 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.*
4. In determining each person's 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.

5. Having regard to the provisions of Rule 5(2), I am satisfied that A8 should be designated as a core participant in relation to the Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale investigation. A8 attended Knowl View from the age of [REDACTED]. A8 alleges that he subject to sexual abuse on a number of occasions by a [REDACTED] at Knowl View. It has been confirmed that A8 was under 18 years of age at the time of the sexual abuse which has he given an account of.

6. As part of this investigation the Inquiry will consider the extent to which children who resided at Knowl View School were vulnerable to sexual abuse and whether there were failures to protect children from sexual abuse. It will consider whether adults were afforded inappropriate access to children who resided at Knowl View School. It will also consider whether children informed anyone in a position of responsibility that they had been sexually abused or the reasons why they may have been inhibited in making any such disclosure. I therefore consider that A8 has a significant interest in the matters under investigation within the Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale investigation and that his designation as a core participant is justified having regard to 5(2)(b).

7. Amongst other matters, as part of this investigation the Inquiry will be investigating whether boys who attended at Knowl View were the subject of sexual abuse. A8 also provided a statement to [REDACTED] Police in [REDACTED]. As part of this investigation the Inquiry will consider the extent to which law enforcement agencies, and/or other public authorities, were aware of allegations of sexual abuse concerning children who resided at Knowl View and failed to take appropriate steps in response to it. Therefore, I consider that A8 may have played a direct and significant role in relation to matters under investigation within the Cambridge House, Knowl View and Rochdale investigation.

8. Applications for designation as the recognised legal representative of a core participant are governed by Rules 6 and 7 of the Inquiry Rules 2006, which provide as follows:

6(1) Where -

(a) a core participant, other than a core participant referred to in rule 7; or

(b) any other person required or permitted to give evidence or produce documents during the course of the inquiry, has appointed a qualified lawyer to act on that person's behalf, the chairman must designate that lawyer as that person's recognised legal representative in respect of the inquiry proceedings.

7(1) This rule applies where there are two or more core participants, each of whom seeks to be legally represented, and the chairman considers that -

(a) their interests in the outcome of the inquiry are similar;

(b) the facts they are likely to rely on in the course of the inquiry are similar; and

(c) it is fair and proper for them to be jointly represented.

(2) The chairman must direct that those core participants shall be represented by a single recognised legal representative, and the chairman may designate a qualified lawyer for that purpose.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), any designation must be agreed by the core participants in question.

(4) If no agreement on a designation is forthcoming within a reasonable period, the chairman may designate an appropriate lawyer who, in his opinion, has sufficient knowledge and experience to act in this capacity.

9. Accordingly, as I am satisfied that A8 has appointed Richard Scorer of Slater and Gordon Solicitors as his qualified lawyer in relation to this investigation. I therefore designate Mr Scorer as the recognised legal representative for A8 in accordance with Rule 6(1) as I am required by that rule to do.

10. Directions will be given for receipt of applications for an award under section 40(1)(b) of the Inquiries Act 2005 for expenses to be incurred in respect of legal representation at the forthcoming public hearing. Such applications by core participants will be determined in accordance with the Inquiry's Cost Protocol on Legal Representation at Public Expense.

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

29 February 2016