

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
CORE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION**

1. On 25 January 2016 the Inquiry invited anyone who wished to be designated as a core participant in the Lord Janner investigation to make an application to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by 22 February 2016.

2. An application was made by an individual referred to as 'Z1' for core participant status in the Lord Janner investigation. Z1 states that he is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Leicestershire, and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was interviewed by police in relation to allegations of child sexual abuse [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

3. I made a provisional ruling declining the application on 29 February 2016. Z1 was provided with an opportunity to renew his application at a preliminary hearing on 9 March 2016. Z1 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 Z1 fulfils the criteria in Rule 5(2) or that there are other good reasons to designate him as a core participant. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

His concerns appear to relate more to the way in which allegations about him have been made and handled than to any institutional failure to protect children from sexual abuse. While there is some relevance to this investigation, my current view is that Z1's interests are essentially those of a potential witness from whom the Inquiry might seek to obtain evidence and/or ask questions rather than those of a core participant. At the heart of this Inquiry is consideration of the extent to which institutions may have failed to protect children from sexual abuse and the adequacy of their response to any allegations received and I am not presently satisfied that Z1 played or may have played a direct and significant role in relation to those matters to

which the inquiry relates or that he may be the subject of any criticism during the course of the Inquiry. I am therefore not presently minded to designate Z1 as a core participant in the Lord Janner investigation, although I recognise that the position may change in light of any evidence received.

8. 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 a person as a core participant in this particular investigation does not preclude Z1 from making a future application in respect of other investigations. I will consider any future application which Z1 wishes to make on its merits.

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

9 March 2016