



INDEPENDENT INQUIRY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION CORE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

1. On 3 June 2016 the Inquiry invited anyone who wished to be designated as a core participant in the Accountability and Reparations investigation to make an application to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by 1 July 2016.
2. An application was made by Z11 for core participant status in the Accountability and Reparations investigation on 24 January 2017. While this application was made outside the window for core participant applications, the application provided reasons for this and I was satisfied that I should proceed to consider the application despite it being submitted late.
3. I made a provisional ruling declining the application on 26 February 2018. Z11 was provided with an opportunity to renew his application by notifying the Solicitor to the Inquiry of his intention to renew and providing written submissions in support of his application by 28 March 2018. On 16 August 2018, Alison Millar of Leigh Day, on behalf of Z11 submitted a renewal application. This determination sets out my decision of that renewal application.
4. I confirm I reviewed both Z11's initial application and the renewal application submitted on behalf of Z11 in line with the Inquiry's Protocol for considering applications for core participant status.
5. Applications for core participant status are considered under Rule 5 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 which provides:
6. *(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 –



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- 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.*

7. 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.
8. Having regard to the provisions of Rule 5(2), I am not satisfied Z11 fulfils the criteria in Rule 5(2). Z11's renewal application is put on the basis that he was indecently assaulted at Grafton Close Children's Home ("Grafton Close") and because of his experience it is submitted Z11 can demonstrate the difficulties survivors of abuse face with the criminal and civil legal systems, based upon his own multiple first hand experiences. Z11's renewal application restates he has continued to fight for support for himself and survivors of abuse generally.
9. While acknowledging and carefully considering what Z11 says about his experience in his renewal application, I am not satisfied that Z11's interest is sufficient to justify his designation as a core participant. As part of this investigation, the Inquiry will consider the experiences of individuals placed in children's homes in England and Wales including North Wales Children's Homes, St Leonard's Children's Home, St Aidan's and St Vincent's Children's Homes, Stanhope Castle Approved School and Forde Park Approved School in order to investigate general issues of accountability and reparation for victims and survivors, including the extent to which this can be achieved through the existing processes of civil litigation, criminal compensation and support services. As outlined in both Z11's applications and above, Z11 was placed in



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and indecently assaulted at Grafton Close and this institution does not form part of the specific case studies this investigation will be looking at. For this reason I am not currently satisfied that Z11 played or may have played a direct and significant role in relation to the matters under investigation. In this instance, Z11's role appears to be more that of a witness who may be able to assist the Inquiry by providing evidence should the Inquiry request it in due course. I therefore decline the application to designate Z11 as a core participant in this investigation.

10. I will keep the scope of the Accountability & Reparations investigation and the designation of core participants under review. In the meantime, I will consider any future application which Z11 wishes to make on its merits in relation to the existing case studies in this investigation.

Professor Alexis Jay OBE
Chair, Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

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