

## THE THIRLWALL INQUIRY

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### PART A WITNESSES' SPECIAL MEASURES APPLICATIONS RESTRICTION ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 17 - 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005

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This Restriction Order is made pursuant to sections 17, 18 and 19 of the Inquiries Act 2005 ("the Act").

**UPON** the Inquiry receiving applications for Special Measures from witnesses who are being called to give oral evidence in Part A of the Inquiry;

**AND UPON** the Chair having given notice to Core Participants by a Note dated 15 July 2024 of her intention to make this Order;

#### **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. This Restriction Order applies to the evidence which will be received in respect of Part A of the Terms of Reference of the Inquiry ("Part A"). The Inquiry terms of reference indicate that there were children named on the indictment ("the Children", or "Child A", "Child B" etc as appropriate). The evidence in Part A will be given by the parent or parents of those Children ("the Parents").

#### *Cipher List*

2. An updated list of the ciphers used ("the Cipher List") will be circulated by the Solicitor to the Inquiry to all Core Participants and media organisations who have so far participated in the Inquiry. There shall be no publication to the public-at-large or any section of the public of the Cipher List in whole or in part, and the information contained within it shall be used solely for the purposes of these proceedings, and the fair and accurate reporting of these proceedings.

#### *Written Evidence from Parents*

3. Save as read into the record during the oral hearings of the Inquiry, the witness statements of Parents shall not be disclosed outside of the Chair, the Secretariat and the Solicitors and Counsel to the Inquiry, and the other Core Participants. The witness statements of Parents shall not be published on the Inquiry website.<sup>ii</sup>
4. The names of the Parents or Children, or any other matter which would be likely to identify them, or where they live, to members of the public-at-large as being Parents or Children or otherwise concerned with the Inquiry, shall not be disclosed in any material addressed to the public at large or a section of the public, and all references in publicly-available materials (including the Inquiry website) shall use the Cipher List.

#### *In-Person Oral Evidence from Parents*

5. A suitable hearing room for this in-person evidence by the Parents will be chosen by the Chair in agreement with the Parents, and this may or may not be the regular hearing room operated by the Inquiry at Liverpool Town Hall.
6. Save for the Chair, Solicitor and Counsel to the Inquiry, and the legal representatives of the Parents, no other person shall be entitled to attend the hearing room allocated for the oral evidence of any

Parent under Part A.

7. Core Participants and accredited media may receive audio transmission of the Parents' oral evidence given in-person on the Regular live link, but there shall be no broadcasting or onward disclosure of that audio transmission.<sup>i</sup>

*. Video Oral Evidence from Parents*

8. If Parents of Children A, B, H and/or I give evidence via video link from a remote location (being anywhere other than Liverpool Town Hall), in accordance with the permission granted by the Chair, then only the Chair, Solicitor and Counsel to the Inquiry, and the legal representatives of the Parents shall be entitled to hear or see that live video evidence.
9. There will be no audio transmission for Core Participants and Media of this evidence. There shall be no broadcast of this evidence.

*Transcripts*

10. A transcript of all this oral evidence will be made available on the Inquiry website only once it has been ciphered to protect the Parents' anonymity and redacted in case of any identifying information which might breach the Reporting Restriction Orders of the Crown Court or any Restriction Order.

*Applications*

11. The applicants' evidence in support of their applications for Special Measures shall not be disclosed outside of the Inquiry, and shall not be made available to any third parties or the public. It shall not be published on the Inquiry website.

**Penal Notice**

Any breach of this Order, failure to comply with it or threat to do so, can be certified to the High Court or the Court of Session under section 36 of the Act. A Court will deal with any breach, failure to comply, or threat of failure to comply as though it had occurred in proceedings before that Court.

The High Court and the Court of Session have the power to imprison or fine for any breach of this Order.

**Rt Hon Lady Justice Thirlwall DBE**  
Inquiry Chair  
1 August 2024  
**Amended 20 August 2024**  
**Amended 13 September 2024**

<sup>i</sup> The order was amended on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024 to make clear that there will be a not for publication audio transmission provided to Core Participants and accredited media for all parents who give evidence in-person.

<sup>ii</sup> The order was amended on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to remove the prohibition on exhibits to Parents' witness statements being published.