Statement on behalf of the Claimants

Witness: W.M.H. Rose 1st Statement Dated: 21.11.2022

Exhibits: "WMHR1"

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Claim No. QB-2019-000616

KING'S BENCH DIVISION

BETWEEN: -

(1) NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
(2) WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Claimants

and

(1) THOMAS CORCORAN
(2)-(53) OTHER NAMED DEFENDANTS
(54) PERSONS UNKNOWN FORMING UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF WILLIAM MAXWELL HUNT ROSE

I, WILLIAM MAXWELL HUNT ROSE, of Sharpe Pritchard LLP, Elm Yard, 10-16 Elm Street, London, WC1X 0BJ

WILL SAY as follows:-

- 1. I am a Solicitor and Partner in the firm of Sharpe Pritchard LLP. I make this statement from my own information, knowledge and belief save where otherwise stated.
- 2. I make this statement in support of an application for a stay of these proceedings pending an appeal which has been brought to the Supreme Court in the case of *Wolverhampton City Council & Ors v London Gypsies and Travellers & Ors* (UKSC 2022/0046). Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council were two of many Claimants in proceedings which resulted in a Court of Appeal decision which is the subject of the appeal to the Supreme Court. Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council are now two of many Respondents in the Supreme Court. The appeal has been expedited with a provisional listing date of 8 and 9 February 2023.

- 3. There is now produced and shown to me marked "WMHR1" a letter dated 28 October 2022 from the Community Law Partnership. Also, within "WMHR1" is the Order of the Court of Appeal and the Decision of the Supreme Court of 25 October 2022 granting permission to appeal to the Appellants, namely the London Gypsies and Travellers and others.
- 4. Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council agree with the suggestion from the Community Law Partnership that the hearing of this matter be stayed pending the judgment in the Supreme Court case.

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true
I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or
causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an
honest belief in its truth

Signed Dated: 21 November 2022

William Maxwell Hunt Rose