

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION

Case no: QB-2019-002737

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE EYRE



Between:

QB-2019-002737

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING

Claimant

- and -

(1) WILLIAM STOKES

Defendants

(2) – (105) OTHER NAMED DEFENDANTS
(106) PERSONS UNKNOWN FORMING
UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS
WITHIN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF
HAVERING

UPON considering the court file

AND OF THE COURT'S OWN MOTION

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1) The Claimant shall by 4.00pm on 31st May 2024 file and serve a witness statement or, if so advised, statements:
 - a. Stating whether it is aware of any relevant acts of any of the remaining named Defendants in the period from 1st November 2022 to 30th April 2024.
 - b. In the event that there were said to have been such acts identifying the same.
 - c. Exhibiting any communication, other than without prejudice correspondence, received from any of the said remaining named Defendants in that period.

- d. Confirming, if such be the case, that it remains of the view that it is appropriate to seek relief against each of the remaining named Defendants.
 - e. Identifying the acts, if any, occurring in the period from 1st November 2022 to 30th April 2024 in relation to any of the 306 named sites which are said to be relevant to the application for an injunction against the 106th Defendant.
 - f. Setting out such other matters, if any, occurring in the period from 1st November 2022 to 30th April 2024 which it contends are relevant to the grant of relief against the defendants or any of them.
- 2) The Claimant shall, if so advised, file and serve brief submissions as to any matters arising out of the said statements by 4.00pm on 31st May 2024.
- 3) The Claimant shall effect service of such statement or statements and submissions together with a copy of this order as follows;
 - a. On the remaining named Defendants by sending a copy of the said documents to the last-known address of each such Defendant by first class post.
 - b. The said copies shall be despatched on or before 4.00pm on 31st May 2024.
 - c. On the 106th Defendant by on or before 4.00pm on 31st May 2024 posting on the same page on the Claimant's website on which the evidence in the case is posted a copy of the said statement or statements and of this order together with a notice stating that a hard copy of the same will be provided on request being made to the Claimant and specifying the manner in which such request is to be made.
 - d. The Claimant shall provide such hard copy by despatching the same by first class post within 3 working days of the request being made to such address as the person requesting the same nominates.
- 4) Any Defendant wishing to serve evidence or make submissions in response to the said statement or statements shall file and serve the same by 14th June 2024.
- 5) In the event that any Defendant does file such evidence or make such submissions the Claimant may, if so advised, file and serve submissions in response by 4.00pm on 21st June 2024. Service of such submissions is to be effected by despatch by post and posting on its website as provided in paragraph 3 hereof but with the date 21st June 2024 being substituted as appropriate for 31st May 2024.
- 6) The case is to be referred back to Mr Justice Eyre for finalisation of the judgment herein on 14th June 2024 (in the event that no such evidence has been filed or submissions made by a Defendant) or on 21st June 2024 (in the event that such evidence or submissions have been filed or made).
- 7) The costs of the said service and of the said submissions and statements shall be costs in the case.

This order has been made without a hearing. Any party affected by this order may apply within 7 days of the service of this order on that party to have it set aside, varied, or stayed.

REASONS

1. The hearing in this matter was on 19th October 2022 and the evidence accordingly relates to events before that date.
2. On 28th November 2022 further consideration of the judgment was paused and provision made for the making of further submissions after the handing down of the judgment of the Supreme Court in judgment in the case of *Wolverhampton City Council & Ors v London Gypsies and Travellers & Ors*.
3. Judgment in that case was handed down on 29th November 2023.
4. Further submissions were received, an extension of time having been granted, on 23rd February 2024.
5. In those circumstances the evidence before the court is now somewhat out of date. That is not a cause for criticism of the parties and it may well be that no further relevant events have occurred. However, as the relief sought is the grant of an injunction governing future conduct it is appropriate to ensure that the court is in possession of any material now relevant to the grant of such relief. This order provides for that to be achieved.

10TH May 2024