



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KINGS BENCH DIVISION
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY

QB-2022-BHM-000044

Between:

- (1) HIGH SPEED TWO (HS2) LIMITED**
(2) THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT

Claimants/Applicants

-and-

- (1) NOT USED**
- (2) PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING OR REMAINING OR CAUSING AN OBJECT TO ENTER OR REMAIN WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE CLAIMANTS ON, IN, UNDER OR OVER THE HS2 LAND WITH THE EFFECT OF DAMAGING AND/OR DELAYING AND/OR HINDERING THE CLAIMANTS, THEIR AGENTS, SERVANTS, CONTRACTORS, SUB-CONTRACTORS, GROUP COMPANIES, LICENSEES, INVITEES AND/OR EMPLOYEES**
- (3) PERSONS UNKNOWN OBSTRUCTING AND/OR INTERFERING WITH ACCESS TO AND/OR EGRESS FROM THE HS2 LAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE HS2 SCHEME WITH OR WITHOUT VEHICLES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT, WITH THE EFFECT OF DAMAGING AND/OR DELAYING AND/OR HINDERING THE CLAIMANTS, THEIR AGENTS, SERVANTS, CONTRACTORS, SUB-CONTRACTORS, GROUP COMPANIES, LICENSEES, INVITEES AND/OR EMPLOYEES WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE CLAIMANTS**
- (4) PERSONS UNKNOWN CUTTING, DAMAGING, MOVING, CLIMBING ON OR OVER, DIGGING BENEATH OR REMOVING ANY ITEMS AFFIXED TO ANY TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT FENCING OR GATES ON OR AT THE PERIMETER OF THE HS2 LAND, OR DAMAGING, APPLYING ANY SUBSTANCE TO OR INTERFERING WITH ANY LOCK OR ANY GATE AT THE PERIMETER OF THE HS2 LAND WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE CLAIMANTS**

AND 65 OTHER NAMED DEFENDANTS AS SET OUT IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE PARTICULARS OF CLAIM

Defendants/Respondents

ORDER

BEFORE the Honourable Mr Justice Ritchie, sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, the Strand, London on 5.3.2025.

FURTHER TO the Orders made in these proceedings by Julian Knowles J on 20 September 2022, by Ritchie J on 31 May 2023.

UPON the Claimants' application dated 10th February 2025 to discharge the injunction Order made by Mr Justice Ritchie dated 24 May 2024.

AND UPON considering the ex-parte written submissions and evidence of the Claimants in the witness statements of Julie Dilcock, sworn on 7.2.2025, and John Groves, sworn on 6.2.2025.

AND UPON no written submissions having been made by any named Defendant.

AND UPON reading the certificate of service of Julie Dilcock sworn on 18.2.2025 (by upload of this application to the HS2 website).

NOW IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Injunction Order the Order of Mr Justice Ritchie dated 24 May 2024 is discharged
2. Permission is granted to the Claimants to discontinue Claim no: QB-2022-BHM-000044 and the claim is hereby discontinued, save as to costs.
3. Pursuant to CPR 38.3(1)(a) and CPR r.6.28 the requirement for the Claimants to file and serve notice of discontinuance on any party is dispensed with.

Service by Alternative Method – This Order

4. This order shall be sent by Court staff to the Claimants' solicitors. Pursuant to CPR r. 6.15, r.6.27 and r.81.4:
 - a. The Claimants shall serve this Order upon the Second, Third and Fourth Defendants by:
 - i. advertising the existence of this Order in the Times and Guardian newspapers, and in particular advertising the web address of the RWI Updated Website, and a direct link to this Order; and
 - ii. placing it in a prominent location on the RWI Injunction Updated Website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-route-wide-injunction-proceedings>); and
 - iii. publishing social media posts on the HS2 X and Facebook platforms advertising the existence of this Order and providing a link to the RWI Updated Website.
 - b. Service of this Order on Named Defendants may be effected by any method permitted in CPR r.6.
 - c. The Claimants shall email a copy of this Order to any named Defendant who has, as at the date hereof, provided an email address to the Claimants.

5. Service in accordance with paragraph 4 above shall be completed when all such steps have been completed and shall:
 - a. be verified by certificates of service to be filed with Court no later than 4pm on 30.3.2025; and
 - b. be good and sufficient service of this Order on the Defendants and each of them.
6. From 30 August 2025, the Claimants have liberty to remove the RWI Injunction Updated Website.

Costs

7. No order is made as to costs, save that if any named Defendant seeks to vary or set aside this costs order he or she shall apply to the Court by notice of application, filed and served by not later than 4 pm on 30.3.2025. If such an application is served and filed the Court shall list a hearing for 1 hour before Mr Justice Ritchie on a date to be fixed. For that hearing the Defendant shall serve and file a full chronological bundle of all documents relied upon not less than 7 days before the hearing.

MADE ON 5th March 2025

SIGNED: Ritchie J