

**Variation notice**

**PENAL NOTICE**

**IF ANY PERSON DISOBEYS THIS NOTICE, THE MATTER MAY BE CERTIFIED TO THE HIGH COURT WHICH MAY HOLD THAT PERSON TO BE IN CONTEMPT AND THAT PERSON MAY BE IMPRISONED, FINED OR HAVE THEIR ASSETS SEIZED**

**ANY PERSON WHO KNOWS OF THIS NOTICE AND DOES ANYTHING WHICH HELPS OR PERMITS ANY PERSON TO BREACH THE TERMS OF THIS NOTICE MAY ALSO AFTER CERTIFICATION TO THE HIGH COURT BE HELD TO BE IN CONTEMPT AND MAY BE IMPRISONED, FINED OR HAVE THEIR ASSETS SEIZED**

**The Inquiries Act 2005, section 20(7)**

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**WHEREAS** on 10th September 2024 Associated Newspapers Ltd ("ANL"), through their legal representatives, sought a variation to the restrictions set out in the ruling dated 2nd December 2011 and to the restriction order dated 29th November 2012 issued by Sir Brian Leveson during the Leveson Inquiry on the culture, practice and ethics of the press in order to allow the retention of certain information subject to those restrictions and the disclosure of that information in relation to claims brought against ANL.

**AND WHEREAS** on 10th September 2024 ANL proposed that where it appears to ANL that inspection of any individual documents of that information needs to be withheld so that the Court dealing with the claims can determine any third party Article 8 rights or confidentiality interests arising, ANL would withhold those documents pending the Court's decision.

**NOW** pursuant to section 20(7) of the Inquiries Act 2005, the restrictions set out in paragraph 6 of the ruling dated 2nd December 2011 (being a restriction imposed by section 19(2)(b) of that Act) and the restriction order dated 29th November 2012 **ARE HEREBY VARIED** as set out below:

1. Copies of the following documents, originally disclosed to the Leveson Inquiry by Alexander Owens and provided to Core Participants in Module 1 of the Inquiry on a USB stick, may be retained by ANL, defendant to the claims listed below, solely for the purpose of this litigation (including any appeal):
  - i. JJ Services Invoices 1
  - ii. JJ Services Invoices 2
  - iii. NJC.1
  - iv. PS.28
  - v. PS29.1
  - vi. PS30.1
  - vii. RP10 Green Book
  - viii. RP11 Red Book

- ix. RP12 Blue Book
- x. RP21 Yellow Book
- xi. RP9, RP15, DS3, DS2
- xii. Taffs Notes
- xiii. Telephone numbers

2. Copies of the documents listed above may be disclosed (in so far as disclosable) by ANL in the claims listed below in order that ANL can comply with its standard disclosure obligations under the Civil Procedure Rules.
3. The legal proceedings are the following claims brought against ANL:
  - a. Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon OBE (KB-2022-003316)
  - b. Elizabeth Hurley (KN-2022-003317)
  - c. Sir Elton John CBE and David Furnish (KB-2022-003318)
  - d. Sir Simon Hughes (KB-2022-003340)
  - e. Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex (KB-2022-003357)
  - f. Sadie Frost Law (KB-2022-003404)
4. Inspection by the claimants of the documents listed above and their future dissemination and use shall be a matter for the Court dealing with the claims and/or operation of the Civil Procedure Rules, including CPR Part 31.22, without the need for any further variation of the restrictions hereby varied.
5. At the conclusion of the litigation (including any appeal), ANL must destroy all copies of the documents listed above in their possession or control (including all hard copies and copies saved in hard drives), save insofar as they have been put into evidence in open court or the Court dealing with the claims otherwise orders.

Dated: 18 March 2025



**THE RT HON LISA NANDY MP**

**SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORT**



**THE RT HON YVETTE COOPER MP**

**SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT**