

**CANTERBURY HOUSE**  
**CHI/ 45UH/LSC/2024/0121**

**APPENDIX 1**

**CHRONOLOGY**

12.07.24 Application for determination of liability to pay and reasonableness of service charges submitted with request for disclosure order

23.01 .25 Directions: case management hearing listed 19 March 2025

27.01.25 Applicants' Application for case management orders, to include request for an order for disclosure to be made

12.02.25 Order deferring decisions on case management to the hearing on 19 March 2025

04.03.25 Applicants file and serve their preliminary statement and draft Scott Schedule in compliance with directions. The Respondent does not comply.

19.03.25 Case management hearing. The Respondent does not attend and says in an email it will not "accept anything which goes beyond standard disclosure". The Order requires written authority by the Respondent compaqny for Mr Gurvits to represent it.  
Final hearing listed for 10 September 2025. Disclosure ordered by 9 April 2025.

09.04.25 Mr Gurvits submits an application seeking a variation to directions with regard to disclosure, but he does not provide any authority from the Respondent authorising him to act for it.

10.04.25 Applicants' application for case management order for Respondent's breach of disclosure order with the sanction of debaring for further breach.

11 .04.25 Applicants' statement in opposition to Mr Gurvits's application dated 9 April 2025.

28.04.25 Order of Judge J Dobson dismissing Mr Gurvits's application as he was not an authorised representative of the Respondent.

30.04.25 Order of Judge J Dobson with new date for disclosure - 16 May 2025, in default of which the Respondent to be barred from further participation in the proceedings.

(Undated) Mr Gurvits submits "Grounds of Appeal" in respect of Orders dated 28 and 30 April 2025 and asks for the 'unless' order to be set aside. The order for disclosure is not complied with.

19.05.25 Applicants' application for an order that Mrs Esther Gurvits (as sole director of the Respondent company) be required to attend a hearing to produce the documents ordered to be disclosed, and that a declaration be made that the Respondent's conduct is frivolous or vexatious or otherwise an abuse of the process of the Tribunal.

30.05.25 Order of Judge j Dobson limiting the previous order for disclosure and ordering it to be given by 13 June 2025 with no sanction for non-compliance.

03.06.25 Applicants' application for a case management order seeking reinstatement of the previous order for disclosure with detailed grounds in support (5 x A4 pages)

17.06.25 Order of Judge J Dobson reciting the woeful progress of the application to that date and the repeated failure by Mr Gurvits to obtain written authority from his mother (the sole director of the Respondent company) to represent it. A second case management hearing is ordered to take place on 3 July 2025.

03.07.25 Order of Judge J Dobson. The hearing date of 10 September 2025 is vacated and a new hearing window notified. Mr Gurvits says he will provide written authority to act for the Respondent, but he gives no explanation for his failure to do so previously. Disclosure ordered to be given by 17 July 2025, a year since the application was submitted and disclosure was first requested by the Applicants.

17.07.25 Disclosure given of most but not all documents ordered.

06.08.25 New hearing date of 3 December 2025 notified to the parties.

19.09.25 Applicants' case and evidence served

30.10.25 Respondent's application for a case management order seeking an extension of 10 working days "to provide a full response".

14.11.25 Order of Judge J Dobson granting an extension to 18 November 2025, in default of which the Respondent will be debarred from taking further part in the proceedings, with the barring order to be issued as soon as practicable following 18 November 2025.

18.11.25 Email from Mr Gurvits to the Tribunal saying the Respondent relies only on the invoices and the Applicants "*have failed to raise much of a prima facie case at all and so the Respondent doesn't wish to provide any further documents at this time*"

18.11.25 The Respondent does not comply with the Order and the Applicants submit an application seeking a barring order with detailed grounds in support citing applicable case law on ambush at trial.

20.11.25 Order of a legal officer of the Tribunal that *'only those documents already sent to the Applicant as per the disclosure shall be the documents that the Tribunal will base its determination on'*.

20.11.25 In light of it being unclear as to whether the Respondent will be permitted to rely on evidence at the final hearing in addition to the documents, an application for reconsideration is submitted.

21.11.25 Order of Judge J Dobson records in his decision that he took the Respondent's email of 11 November 2025 to positively state that the Respondent did not wish to rely upon any case and any documents beyond those previously provided. He therefore removes the barring order and says the Respondent can participate but may only present a positive case to the extent of the documents produced.

24.11.25 As the Respondent is no longer barred, it is required to be asked what documents it wished to be included in the hearing bundle. No reply is received after 48 hours.

28.11.25 Due to an absence from the Applicants' solicitors' office caused by sickness, the bundle is still being indexed and tabbed when an order is made by Judge J Dobson striking out the application for missing the 27 November 2025 deadline.

28.11.25 The hearing bundle is lodged less than 24 hours late and an application is made for reinstatement.

01.12.25 (Monday) Order: Judge J Dobson grants the application and the case is reinstated.

02.12.25 (Tuesday) Respondent's first application for an order delaying the hearing, on grounds that Mr Gurvits was away from the office on *'Thursday and Friday'* (being 27th and 28 of November respectively), but he had just seen "this" and he had cancelled counsel who had already prepared the case but who was now not available for the reinstated hearing.

02.12.25 Email from Applicants' representative to the Tribunal pointing out the discrepancies in the Respondent's application and stated timeline.

02.12.25 In response Mr Gurvits changes his application to say he had not been working on Friday(28th November) and Monday (1<sup>st</sup> December).

02.12.25 Order of Judge J Dobson refusing the application and describing the shift in the Respondent's position and the nature of the assertions as *'troubling at best'*.

03.12.25 (Wednesday) On the morning of the hearing Mr Gurvits submits a third application for a 'delay of the hearing' which is refused by the Tribunal members. The hearing proceeds in the absence of the Respondent.

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