

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

KING'S BENCH DIVISION

**BEFORE: THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE ELLENBOGEN DBE
BETWEEN:**

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

-and-

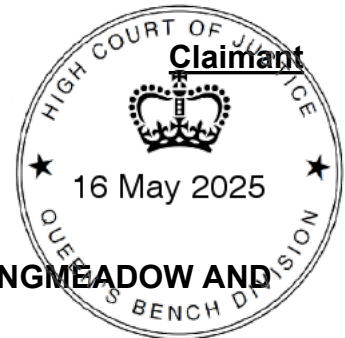
(1) MR JAMES R SMITH

(2) PERSONS UNKNOWN

**(BEING THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE LONGMEADOW AND
BRAGBURY END RESIDENTS GROUP)**

(3) PERSONS UNKNOWN

**(BEING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ORGANISING OR PROMOTING AN EVENT
KNOWN AS 'STEVENAGE BWD24' OR 'STEVENAGE BROADWATER DAY
2024' OR 'BWD 2024 ONE BIG WEEKEND' IN SHEPHALBURY PARK,
STEVENAGE FROM 24-25 AUGUST 2024)**



KB-2024-002724

Defendants

ORDER

UPON the Claimant's applications for judgment in default and for costs, made on 14 November 2024

AND UPON the parties having been notified, on 20 March 2025, that those applications had been listed for a two-hour hearing on 20 May 2025

AND UPON an application by the First Defendant, dated 15 May 2025, to adjourn the hearing of the Claimants' applications

IT IS ORDERED AND DIRECTED THAT:

1. The application to adjourn the hearing listed for 20 May 2025 is refused.
2. **By no later than 1:00pm on Monday, 19 May 2025:**
 - a. counsel for the Claimant is to file and serve:
 - i. a skeleton argument, in Word format;

- ii. a draft order, which shall include any final injunctive relief which the Claimant is seeking; and
 - iii. an electronic, indexed, paginated, hyperlinked bundle of any relevant caselaw relating to the substantive applications which are to be considered on 20 May 2025;
 - b. counsel (if any) instructed for any Defendant is to file and serve a skeleton argument in Word format, together with an electronic, indexed, paginated, hyperlinked bundle of any relevant caselaw relating to the substantive applications which are to be considered on 20 May 2025;
 - c. any unrepresented Defendant who wishes to be heard in relation to the Claimant's applications on 20 May 2025 is to file and serve brief written submissions in relation to those applications, and to identify within those submissions any caselaw on which he/they wish to rely;
 - d. if the Longmeadow and Bragbury End Residents Group is still in existence, and seeks permission for the First Defendant to address the Court in writing and/or orally on its behalf, its management committee, or equivalent governing body, is to file and serve a document, signed by all members of that committee, making that application and confirming that he has their authority to do so.
3. Costs reserved.

REASONS:

1. It is not clear on which party's or parties' behalf the application for an adjournment has been made. Having regard to its content, I have treated it as an application by the First Defendant, made on his own behalf.
2. Nothing in that application affords good reason for adjourning the hearing of the Claimant's substantive applications, in particular given the time which has been allocated to the latter and the date upon which the hearing was notified to the parties. There is no medical evidence relating to the conditions to which the application refers or their effect, nor explanation of the way in which they would be assisted by an adjournment. Through no fault of any party, there has been a regrettable delay by the court in listing the Claimants' applications, which were made some six months ago, and it is in all parties' interests, in accordance with the Overriding Objective, that they now be determined. An adjournment would serve no legitimate purpose.

Dated this 16th day of May 2025

BY THE COURT