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YOUR REF:

OUR REF: 2020/PI/10670

BY EMAIL AND POST

Dear Mr G [REDACTED]

Re: G [REDACTED] -v- Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Your email and letter of 28 January has been referred to Master Meacher of the Court of Appeal who has asked me to reply as follows:

Mr G [REDACTED]'s letter of 28 January 2021 sent to the Civil Appeals Office and marked for the attention of Mr P Cobourn makes allegations against, and implies improper motives on the part of members of administrative staff in the Civil Appeals Office. The allegations are wholly unsubstantiated and simply have no basis in fact. The threats contained in the letter potentially amount to a breach of section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988 and Mr G [REDACTED] should desist from such communications in any future correspondence. Mr Cobourn and other members of staff have simply sought to respond to the application filed by Mr G [REDACTED] and have obtained directions from legal colleagues as necessary.

The directions dated 18 January 2021 were given by the jurisdiction lawyer, Ms L Angus, who deals with all queries regarding the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal, with the assistance of the Masters. The author of the directions of 18 January 2021 was inadvertently referred to as a Master and I apologise for that error. I confirm, however, that the content of the directions is correct. If, however, Mr G [REDACTED] would like the directions to be reviewed by a Lord or Lady Justice, he should confirm this in writing.

The only documents considered by Ms Angus when she gave the directions dated 18 January were documents filed by Mr G [REDACTED] (in particular the appellant's notice and a copy of the orders made in the lower court).

In any event, a request under the Data Protection Act does not entitle an individual to copies of documents from court records. The supply of documents on the court file to parties or non-parties is governed by the Civil Procedure Rules (CPR 5.4) As a party to proceedings, Mr Galpin is entitled as of right to the documents listed in CPR PD 5A Paragraph 4.2A (copy attached). Most of these documents do not apply in Mr Galpin's case, but if he would like any of the documents listed which do exist to be copied and sent to him, he should apply to that effect to the Civil Appeals Office. A copying fee is payable for each document (The Civil Proceedings Fees Order 2008, Schedule 1, paragraph 4.1). It should be noted, that the list of documents does not include correspondence of any sort.

If Mr G [REDACTED] wishes to obtain copies of any *other* documentation on the court file, he requires the court's permission. He must therefore make a formal application (on form N244) and pay the court fee of £528 (see CPR 5.4B and 5.4D attached).

Yours sincerely

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