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5th May 2020.

The Honourable Mrs. Lady Justice S.Falk DBE
7, Rolls Building,
Fetter Lane,
London EC4A 1NL

My ref: FG82.

Court Ref: CH-2020-000043.

In the High Court of Justice Chancery Appeals (ChD).

In the matter of

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~ v ~

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

In respect of

Court Order ~ 1st May 2020.

Dear Honourable Judge,

In respect of your Order, my formal response.

I am entirely happy to have an 'Oral' Hearing at which I will continue to act as a LiP, but I would be grateful if Mr. Burns could be allowed to act as my 'next friend', without him I am not at all sure I would be able to be helpful to the Court.

Mr. Burns's working pension knowledge, acquired over a decade and more, is quite extensive. Indeed, Sir Paul Maguire in the High Court in Belfast commended his generosity several times in his assistance to the Court and the Respondent's Counsel.

I am grateful to your Ladyship's further assistance in providing more clarity on renewing the way ahead.

On reflection, I now recognise there were certain aspects which were not made quite clear to me, at the time.

I am sure the extra time until post 1st July 2020 will be well spent by the Court in clarifying any other matters which arise from further examination of the detail in the bundle, and if I can provide assistance on this, whether in the bundle or not, I will be happy to oblige.

It is important to me that the Court understands the historical 'complexities' of my case, aside from the law.

I remain at the Court's disposal to provide further clarity where any such point arises.

This has been an unnecessarily complex, tedious, and deliberate waste of Courts' time, which could, if they had been minded to, been easily resolved by the Respondent at an early point seeking Counsel's advice; they may well have done so, though no intimation of this has ever been given to me.

Presumably the Respondent will be represented, and perhaps the TPO in their observer role, if the Court chooses to invite them, or they choose to invite themselves, though what they might contribute, if permitted, escapes me.

That having been said, I am at a loss to know what additional contribution I am expected to make as a layperson; the 'point at law' is plain and simple for all to see, even to me; but nevertheless I will do my very best to help the Court all I can.

In case anyone misunderstands my personal position in all this and their incorrect assumption that this is all about me and my pensions, it is not.

As a senior ranking Officer I feel it is my moral obligation to support the many disabled Firefighters, Widows, and Beneficiaries who I had the privilege to command and who are not being paid the pensions they are legally entitled to, and for which they paid, not only in kind, but in some cases with their very lives; decent people whom I know.

With respect, should you doubt this, can I direct your attention to one of those who died and one who was maimed in the service of our communities in Lancashire.

<http://www.themorningbugler.com/corruption-2/corruption/pastoral-care/disabled-fire-service-veteran-gw/>

I do so hope you have found this insightful.

Please acknowledge service.

Yours sincerely,

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