

Animal Rebellion has rebranded

Animal Rising

The group will lead what it says will be “the biggest campaign of animal-focussed actions the UK has seen in decades” this summer. This will be made up, organizers say, of open rescues and high-profile public-facing actions.

Animal Rising prioritizes animal rights

“Over the past four years Animal Rebellion has made untold difference to the environmental movement and raised the issue of animal farming and fishing into the public consciousness,” Animal Rising spokesperson Nathan McCgovern told *Plant Based News*. “However 2023 will see a shift in our actions and message in order to spotlight animals more than ever.”

Last year, Animal Rebellion made headlines after rescuing 18 beagles puppies from an animal testing breeding facility in Cambridgeshire in the UK. This, the group says, is the sort of action Animal Rising will prioritize in the coming months.



Animal Rising

Animal Rising activists put up posters on betting shops ahead of the Grand National

“Our action this year will be firmly centred around animals in a way they perhaps haven’t been previously,” McGovern said. “We’ll be rescuing them from factory farms whilst also occupying these facilities too. We’ll also be disrupting events that use animals for ‘sport’ to put our bodies between them and harm.”

Over the bank holiday weekend, supporters of Animal Rising spray painted the group’s logo (A) across a number of locations in London and Manchester. They also put up posters advertising their Grand National action on betting shop windows.

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Sandy Thomson has reiterated his stance against animal rights activists who disrupted the 175th running of the Grand National on Saturday, and urged the authorities to take "a much firmer stance".

Hill Sixteen, trained by the Berwickshire handler, suffered a fatal injury after falling at the first fence in a race that was delayed by almost 15 minutes after protestors got on to the Aintree course and attempted to secure themselves to railings and fences.

The 10-year-old had never fallen in his 26-race career and Thomson felt the delays and the rushed preparation caused by the protestors were a major reason for the race's total of three fallers, along with five unseated jockeys, over the first two fences.

"I read somewhere that it has been nine years since the fences have been modified and there had been an average of two fallers at the first two fences in those nine years, and yesterday there were eight," said Thomson.

"I think horses got very wound up and, oddly, not having a parade didn't help the situation. The jockeys get on the horse and then they have got to parade before going on to the course, to settle them down.

"It is nobody's fault, everyone was desperate to get the race off and the jockeys were just told to line up and then told not to line up."

Having been walked in the parade ring with a red hood, along with others, he was taken to the pre-parade ring as the authorities attempted to quell the protests.

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“We took Hill Sixteen back to the stable and took his saddle off, because we had no idea what was going to happen,” added Thomson.

“We put some water on him to rehydrate him a bit, because it was a warm day. Then suddenly it was all a bit of a rush.

“Ted Walsh was beside us and his horse (Any Second Now) had top weight, so he’d taken the saddle off. He said, ‘Listen, they’re not going to go without us’.

“Everybody was quite hyper and it doesn’t help the horse at all. People can turn round and say that’s a load of rubbish, but it’s not a load of rubbish.

“That’s why we have red hoods, blinkers and cheekpieces and things, just to help keep them in the best frame of mind possible.”

In the aftermath of the fatal fall, Thomson was adamant that much of the blame lay with the protestors, and his view has not changed.

He added: “I stand by what I say, they are totally ignorant about anything to do with horses

“We are getting fed up in this country and somebody’s got to start doing something about these people.

“Most people are going about their lawful business and you get them (protestors) lying on roads and things. We’ve got to take a much firmer stance.

“Unfortunately, with social media and things, it is far too easy for somebody to start a thread up and all these people jump on the bandwagon.

“The other thing, and this is what the MPs have got to work out – you keep hearing that half their mailbag is to do with animal welfare.

“Well, if they really want to deal with animal welfare, they need to sort out where there is real cruelty and the RSPCA will tell you where it is, but they don’t want to hear it – they don’t want to be educated.

“Peaceful protest is fine, nobody has a problem with that, but you should not be able to go out and ruin other people’s entertainment. They have no welfare of horses at heart.

“The BHA are in a very difficult situation and I do believe that we in racing, or field sports, or whatever, have to be pro-active.

at the races Know it is very difficult because the people who know don't want to get involved. They are best. MULTIS is a desperately difficult thing to get a job. all the welfare checks that

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Witness Statement of Simon Knapp

Statement No. 1

Date: 22 May 2023

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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BETWEEN:**

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Applicant

-and-

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FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF SIMON KNAPP

I, **NHH KNAPP, CVO. BSc. BVetMed. MRCVS**, of Berkshire Equine Ltd, Headley Stud, Headley, RG19 8LB, **WILL SAY** as follows:

1. I am the Senior Veterinary Surgeon for London Region Races, at Jockey Club Racecourses Limited (the “**Jockey Club**”) and Clinical Director of Berkshire Veterinary Surgeons. I have worked for the Jockey Club for approximately 36 years and have been in my current role for approximately 33 years. I am also Senior Racecourse Veterinary Surgeon at Ascot Racecourse.
2. In my current role, I am directly responsible for the overall welfare and the veterinary treatment of the racehorses taking part in the London Regional Races. This includes the Epsom Derby, which is due to take place on 3 June 2023, and is widely regarded as the World’s most prestigious flat horse race (the “**Derby**”), as well as the races on Oaks Day, the day before the Derby.
3. I have been a qualified veterinarian for over 40 years. I hold the role of veterinary surgeon to The Royal Mews in London and Windsor responsible for care of the horses to the Royal Household. I was co-coordinator of the veterinary team at the London 2012 Olympics. I am a member of the Horse Welfare Board, and the longest serving member of The British Horseracing Authority Veterinary Committee. I am veterinary advisor to the Racecourse Association.
4. I am a founding member of the Association of Racecourse Veterinary Surgeons, which since 1993, has aimed to promote and safeguard the safety and welfare of horses at race meetings and provides a forum for discussion and the exchange of ideas on the management of injury and disease on racecourses.
5. I make this statement specifically in relation to the welfare of the horses and the potential impact a disruption of the kind threatened by Animal Rising could have on the horses and other participants insofar as I can comment, at the Derby.
6. Unless stated otherwise, the facts and matters set out in this witness statement are within my knowledge and are true. Where any facts or matters are not within my own

knowledge, the source of the information is identified, and those facts and matters are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Introduction

7. By way of brief background, I am aware that Animal Rising is an animal activist movement based in the United Kingdom. It is my understanding that Animal Rising intends to disrupt the Derby, and that this is the same organisation that was responsible for the disruption/delay caused to the Aintree Grand National on 15 April 2023. I refer to the Witness Statement of Nevin Truesdale for further detail on what is known by the Jockey Club in respect of Animal Rising and their intended disruption to the Epsom Derby, and the Witness Statement of Dickon White in respect of the incident at the Aintree Grand National.

Welfare and Risks

8. The horses that race at the Derby are thoroughbred racehorses. Thoroughbreds as we know them today are an ecological peak of the breed; they have been selectively bred over many centuries, specifically for racing. They have been domesticated over these many centuries and are not wild animals. Those that race in the Derby are 3-year-old colts full of testosterone and I would describe them as akin to hormonal adolescents; they are very excitable. Horses are naturally flight animals; when this is paired with the fact that the horses at the Derby are young, inexperienced colts weighing around 500kg, they can be quite unpredictable and difficult to control. In comparison, the horses that race in the Grand National are usually older gelding or mare horses around 8 or 9 years-old, experienced with the course and the racing environment.
9. The horses racing in the Derby are finely tuned athletes, they are prepared for this one race. Both the horse and the jockey, akin to any human athlete, need to be in the right frame of mind with full concentration; they need to be in the zone. It is the job of the jockey to form a bond with the horse, to get them in the right place mentally and ensure that the horse is concentrating on the task at hand, the race.
10. Any form of delay or disruption will interfere with the horses' mood and concentration. The horses follow a specific routine to assist with keeping them in the zone. There are particular risks if you delay the race once the horses have left their stables, particularly when they are parading in front of the stands, and more so at the start of the race, where they are confined to a relatively small area behind the starting stalls. By then, they are prepared and absolutely focused for the imminent start of the race. If there is any delay or disruption, the horses could become agitated and frustrated, and therefore unpredictable and difficult to control. They could rear up, kick out, or barge through

areas by way of example. There is an increased risk of them causing injury not only to themselves, but to other horses around them as well as the jockeys, handlers, grooms, and any other person present. If the race is delayed or disrupted whilst the horses are in the stalls, then there is an increased risk of injury to the horses as any such disruption or delay could create behavioural challenges in the horses. An injured horse is particularly unpredictable. As I mention previously horses are flight animals; an injured horse's natural instinct is to run, which could cause it to injure itself further or injure other horses and people present.

11. If a decision is taken to return the horses to the stables following delay or disruption, they will not walk back quietly, if walk at all, given that at that point they are mentally prepared to race. They again could rear up, kick out, or barge through, causing a potential risk of injury to themselves, other horses, as well as to the jockeys, handlers, grooms, and any other person present.
12. Horses are different from other animals in that they not only sweat to lose heat but sweat from emotional excitement. If they are delayed or disrupted at all, it could lead them to sweat excessively, which is an indication of their excitement, and can predispose them to injury and/or anxiety.
13. The relationship between a horse and jockey is particularly critical; if one loses concentration or focus, because of a distraction or disruption, that could break the bond between them. If the race has started and a disruption occurs, then the jockey only has so much control over the horse at that time. The horse weighs 500kg as opposed to the Jockey's average of 45-58kg; the jockey could attempt to steer the horse but will only be able to do so insofar as the horse will allow. Equally, if the jockey wants to try and stop the horse - at the height of the race they are travelling approximately 43mph. Pulling up would be difficult and would take time and a significant distance to achieve. A horse and jockey may be able to veer out of the way or avoid an obstruction, but only if it has first seen the obstruction and secondly, seen it in good time; even then, it cannot be guaranteed.
14. As I mention previously, as horses are naturally flight animals anything out of the ordinary such as unexpected loud noises, flashes, large banners and smoke devices for example could cause them to become spooked and agitated, which may result in them shying violently and galloping uncontrollably. This carries significant risks in which they would be unpredictable and again could cause injuries to themselves, other horses, and the people around them.

Conclusion

15. In my opinion, it is in the best interests of the horses, jockeys, grooms, and all persons present that the Derby go ahead without any disruption and that any risk of disruption should be minimised as much as possible. Any disruption presents significant and serious risks to all involved, particularly the horses health, safety, and wellbeing.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

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Simon Knapp

Date..... 22/052023

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF JULIAN DIAZ-RAINEY

I, **JULIAN DIAZ-RAINEY**, of Pinsent Masons LLP, 30 Crown Pl, Earl St, London EC2A 4ES, **WILL SAY** as follows:

1. I am a solicitor of the Senior Court in England and Wales and a Partner (or, more precisely, a Member) in the firm of Pinsent Masons LLP ("**PM**"), solicitors for the Applicant / Claimant.
2. Save where stated to the contrary, the facts and matters contained in this witness statement are within my own knowledge (gained whilst acting as a solicitor for the Applicants) and are true. Where facts and matters are outside my knowledge, the source is stated and I believe those facts to be true.
3. During the course of this statement I will refer to certain documents, copies of which are exhibited in a paginated bundle marked 'JDR1' which accompanies this statement.
4. I make this witness statement in support of the Applicant's application for an interim injunction against the Respondents in the terms of the draft order attached to the application notice.

Service of the claim documents on the First Respondent

5. I enclose at pages 1 - 2 of JDR1 the witness statement of Stephen Williams a process server at Conflicts International Limited. Per that statement, I understand that the Unsealed Application Notice, Sealed Claim Form, Response Pack and witness statements of Nevin Truesdale, Amy Starkey, Simon Knapp and Dickon White (the "**Witness Statements**") were left at the First Respondent's residence at approximately 15:40 on 22 May 2023 after a woman at the address confirmed that the First Respondent lived there.
6. Further, I understand that the Sealed Application Notice was left at the First Respondent's address at approximately 16:29 on 22 May 2023.
7. In addition to the above I enclose at page 3 of JDR1 an email sent to the First Respondent from PM enclosing the Sealed Application Notice, Sealed Claim Form, Response Pack and the Witness Statements at 15:50 on 22 May 2023. Enclosed is

confirmation that the First Respondent downloaded the documents attached to the aforementioned email at 17:24 on 22 May 2023.

8. At approximately 18:30 on 22 May 2023 Animal Rising (“AR”) issued a response to the injunction application on its website¹, which is at page 4 of JDR1. The response is almost entirely one quote attributed to the First Respondent, indicating that he had read the claim documents.
9. I enclose an email from the Applicant to the First Respondent from approximately 18:36 on 22 May 2023 at pages 5 - 6 of JDR1, which amongst other things alerted the First Respondent to the application.
10. At approximately 21:12 on 22 May 2023 Kerri Waters of AR emailed the Applicant to say amongst other things that “*I am also very grateful that you reached out to Dan about the injunction and explained the reasons behind it.*” (page 7 of JDR1).

Service of the claim documents on the Second to Eighth Respondents

11. I enclose at pages 8 - 13 of JDR1 six photographs with details of their metadata taken between 15:48 and 16:04 on 22 May 2023. They show two envelopes containing the Sealed Application Notice, Sealed Claim Form, Response Pack and the Witness Statements at each of the two public entrances to the Epsom Downs Racecourse. This information has been provided to me by Simon Durrant the General Manager of Kempton Park Racecourse.
12. I am instructed that the Sealed Application Notice, Sealed Claim Form, Response Pack and the Witness Statements (save for the exhibit to the witness statement of Nevin Truesdale (Exhibit NT1)) were posted on the websites for Epsom² and the Applicant³ at 16:10 on 22 May 2023. Both of those news articles linked to a page where the claim documents could be downloaded (<https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/the-derby-festival-2023/>) (page 18 of JDR1). Exhibit NT1 was added at 17:02 on 22 May 2023.
13. In addition to the above, the Applicant also posted announcements on their social media channels, including twitter⁴ and facebook⁵, at 16:38 on 22 May 2023, with links to a press release (pages 21 - 22 of JDR1).

¹ <https://www.animalrising.org/post/jockey-club-injunction-animal-rising-response> page 4 of JDR1

² <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/epsom/media/news/> pages 14 – 15 JDR1

³ <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/the-racing/racing-news/> pages 16 – 17 of JDR1

⁴ https://twitter.com/TheJockeyClub/status/1660671511781416961?ctx=HHwWgoC9xZ_88YsuAAAA page 19 of JDR1

⁵ https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=6533648479999113&id=137224449641580 page 20 of JDR1

14. I also repeat the above in that AR posted on its website a response to the application at approximately 18:30 on 23 May 2023 indicating that persons within AR had seen and considered the claim documents.
15. The Applicant also published a press release (pages 21 - 22 of JDR1), which has resulted in numerous articles regarding the application in the mainstream media. In this way, it took additional steps to bring the fact of the application (if not the claim documents themselves) to the attention of a wide range of stakeholders, including the Second to Eighth Respondents.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed..........

Julian Diaz-Rainey

Date.....24-05-23.....

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Defendants

STATEMENT OF PROCESS SERVER

I, Stephen Williams of Conflict International Limited 180 Piccadilly, London, W1J 9HF, process server, acting in the employ of Pinsent Masons LLP of 30 Crown Place, Earl Street, London, EC2A 4ES, Solicitors for the Claimant in this matter, **State as follows:-**

1. THAT I did on Monday 22/05/2023 at 15:25 hours, attend in the vicinity of 3 St Michaels Place, Stroud, GL5 4PJ in order to personally serve upon Daniel Frank Peter Kidby, the First Defendant, the Claim Form issued on 22/05/2023, the Application Notice, the Notes for Defendant, the Acknowledgement of Service, the Witness Statement of Amy Starkey with Exhibit, the Witness Statement of Dickon White with Exhibit, the Witness Statement of Simon Knapp and the Witness

Statement of Nevin Truesdale with Exhibit. I was able to confirm with neighbours the continued residency of the First Defendant at the aforementioned address.

2. THAT upon attendance at 3 St Michaels Place, Stroud, GL5 4PJ I met with an adult female who confirmed that Daniel Frank Peter Kidby, the First Defendant, resides at the property, but was not at home at the time. She confirmed that Mr Kidby was not due to return home until the evening of Tuesday 23/05/2023. I explained the purpose of my attendance and that I had important legal paperwork to deliver to Mr Kidby. I informed her that I would withdraw and get permission to post the documents through the letterbox.
3. THAT on Monday 22/05/2023 at 15:40 hours I posted the aforementioned documents through the letterbox at 3 St Michaels Place, Stroud, GL5 4PJ in a series of envelopes addressed to Daniel Frank Peter Kidby, the First Defendant. Prior to service I had marked on an envelope the details of the Hearing date and time.
4. THAT on Monday 22/05/2023 I returned to the aforementioned address at 16:29 hours and posted a further copy of the Application Notice which had been issued in the High Court of Justice and endorsed with the Hearing date and time.
5. I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed  Dated 24/5/23

Iona Wilson

From: Iona Wilson
Sent: 22 May 2023 15:50
To: d.f.p.kidby@outlook.com
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Dear Mr Kidby

Please find enclosed for your urgent attention:

- i. Sealed Claim Form dated 22 May 2023;
- ii. Sealed Application Notice dated 22 May 2023;
- iii. Witness Statement and Exhibit of Nevin Truesdale dated 22 May 2023;
- iv. Witness Statement and Exhibit of Amy Starkey dated 22 May 2023;
- v. Witness Statement and Exhibit of Dickon White dated 22 May 2023;
- vi. Witness Statement of Simon Knapp dated 22 May 2023; and
- vii. Acknowledgement of Service Documents (Forms N208 and N210).

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Yours faithfully,

Pinsent Masons LLP

Jockey Club Injunction: Animal Rising Response



- This afternoon Animal Rising was informed by The Jockey Club that they have applied for an injunction against the group ahead of The Epsom Derby Festival on 3-4 June. The case will be heard this Friday 26/5/23 (1).
- This comes after Animal Rising made several public statements earlier this month regarding the event (2).

Dan Kidby, co-founder of Animal Rising said:

"Injunctions are a little-known, but often-used, way of bypassing democracy and allowing private companies to essentially buy their own laws. They've been used against local groups that challenged HS2, traveller communities in Wolverhampton, and now against animal lovers attempting to stop harm from coming to racehorses.

Animal Rising is committed to nonviolent action to create a national conversation about our shattered connection to other animals and nature - doing so is the first step towards a kinder and better world for all life.

"I've been having consistent, productive communication with the Jockey Club over the last month, and I don't see this being the end of that. It's clear that we all love the horses that are set to run at Epsom next month - we just disagree on how to show that love. We can only mend our broken relationship with other animals and nature when we come together, and that is what Animal Rising will keep working towards."

The Injunction documents reveal that the Jockey Club spent in excess of £70,000 on security at The Grand National, and expects the Epsom Derby Festival costs to more than double that at £150,000.

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Notes To The Editor:

[1] <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/about-us/media-centre/press-releases/2023/06/the-jockey-club-applies-for-injunction-in-an-attempt-to-prevent-illegal-and-needless-disruption-of-the-derby-festival-at-epsom-downs>

[2] <https://www.animalrising.org/post/epsom-is-next-animal-rising-declares-intention-to-disrupt-the-derby-festival>

Iona Wilson

From: Iona Wilson
Sent: 24 May 2023 11:30
To: Iona Wilson
Subject: FW: Application for an injunction

From: "Starkey, Amy" <Amy.Starkey@thejockeyclub.co.uk>
Date: May 22, 2023 at 18:36:00 GMT+2
To: Daniel Kidby <d.f.p.kidby@outlook.com>
Cc: Kerri Waters <kerri_waters@hotmail.com>, "Williamson, Stuart" <Stuart.Williamson@thejockeyclub.co.uk>, "Truesdale, Nevin" <Nevin.Truesdale@thejockeyclub.co.uk>, "Durrant, Simon" <Simon.Durrant@thejockeyclub.co.uk>
Subject: Application for an injunction

Dear Dan,

By now, you will be aware of our decision to apply for an injunction to prevent trespass at Epsom Downs during the Derby Festival with the intention of protecting the race goers, horses, jockeys and also protestors attending the event. Given our open communication throughout, it is important to me to ensure we carry on communicating in that spirit.

I wanted to explain how we arrived at the conclusion that seeking an injunction is a necessary step for The Jockey Club to take.

As we have stated both in person and in all our communications with you, our number one priority will always be to ensure that the safety of all our equine and human participants and the thousands of racegoers who join us at Epsom Downs is not compromised.

You have always been entirely transparent when highlighting Animal Rising's determination to disrupt The Derby by breaching security and gaining access to the racetrack. As you know, this course of action threatens the safety of everyone at the event. As such, we feel obliged to explore every option available to us to deter those who might be considering acting in this way, and to respond decisively if the intended actions go ahead.

The decision to apply for an injunction is not something we have taken lightly. It was arrived at after significant consideration, together with Surrey Police and other stakeholders. Ultimately, we felt we had no option in light of your commitment to disrupting the races. The injunction sought would be an important and necessary addition to the many other robust security measures we are implementing to ensure the event can go ahead safely.

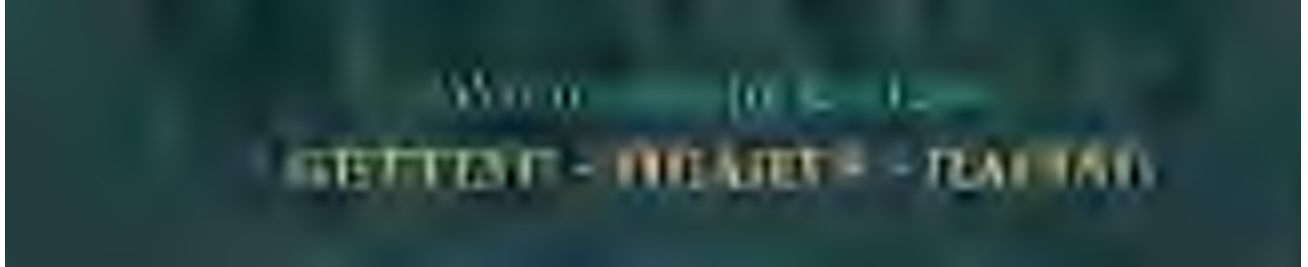
Please be reassured that our application has no bearing whatsoever on our offer of a space outside the racecourse for Animal Rising to protest peacefully, which we very much hope you will continue to accept. That space is clearly identifiable and we welcome you to use it for peaceful protest. We make no apology for doing all we can to protect the safety and enjoyment of those who attend Epsom Downs in their thousands, and the experience of millions more at home and around the world who enjoy a race which has taken place since 1780.

As we have repeated in all our communications with you, we urge Animal Rising to abandon your plans to disrupt the Derby Festival.

We reiterate a respect for your views, and hope that we may maintain a dialogue in the build-up to The Derby Festival. If there is any further information you wish to share with us relating to your plans, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks and best wishes,
Amy

AMY STARKEY | MANAGING DIRECTOR, JOCKEY CLUB RACECOURSES



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Iona Wilson

From: Iona Wilson
Sent: 24 May 2023 11:33
To: Iona Wilson
Subject: Meeting follow-up [PM-AC.FID5703712]

From: Kerri Waters <kerri_waters@hotmail.com>
Date: May 22, 2023 at 21:12:17 GMT+2
To: "Starkey, Amy" <Amy.Starkey@thejockeyclub.co.uk>
Cc: Daniel Kidby <d.f.p.kidby@outlook.com>, "Truesdale, Nevin" <Nevin.Truesdale@thejockeyclub.co.uk>, "Williamson, Stuart" <Stuart.Williamson@thejockeyclub.co.uk>, "Durrant, Simon" <Simon.Durrant@thejockeyclub.co.uk>
Subject: Re: Meeting follow-up

Dear Amy,

Just a quick thanks for putting us in touch with Simon and I'll help liaise between our team organising the event outside and your Operations Team.

I am also very grateful that you reached out to Dan about the injunction and explained the reasons behind it. No doubt, you didn't take the decision lightly.

As always, I will continue to update you with our plans and am happy to answer your questions or requests.

Best wishes,

Kerri



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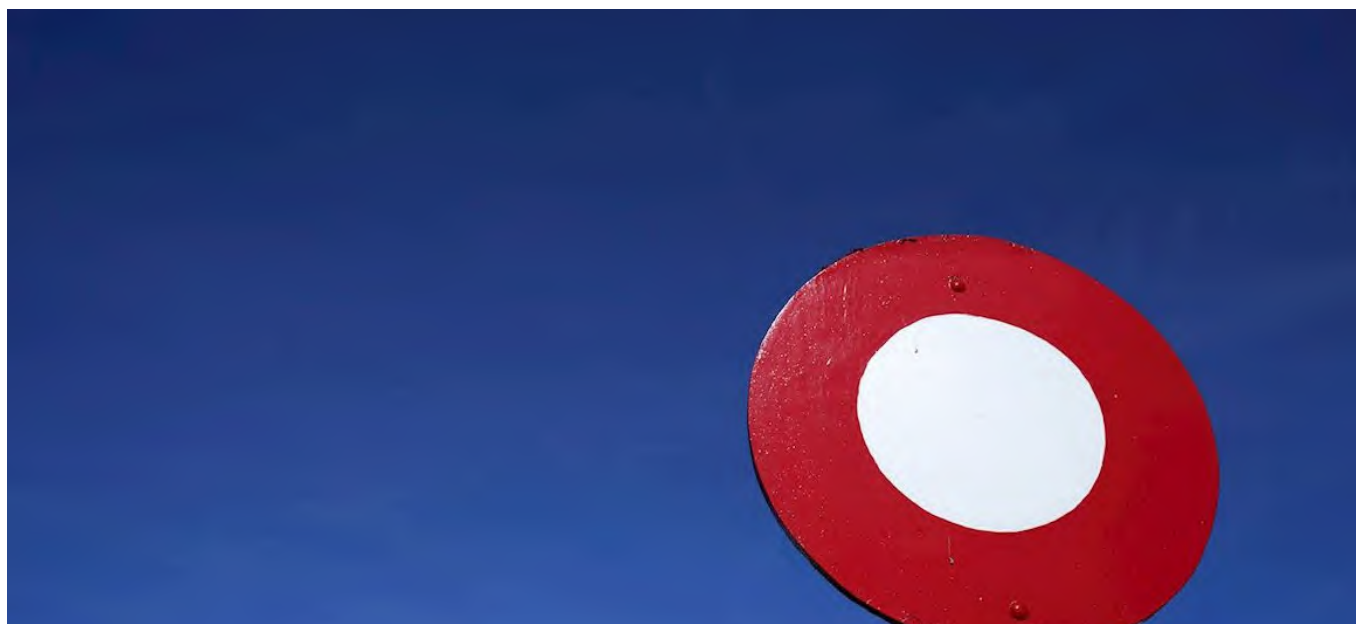
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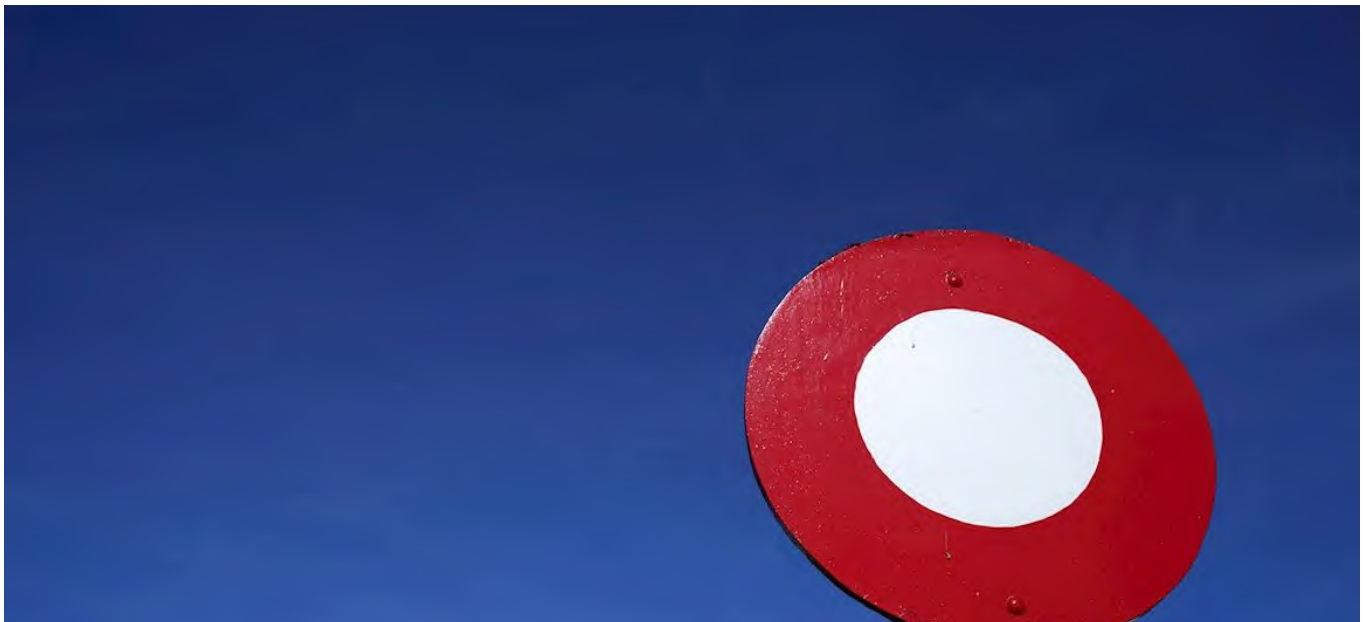
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THE JOCKEY CLUB APPLIES FOR INJUNCTION IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT “ILLEGAL AND RECKLESS” DISRUPTION OF THE DERBY FESTIVAL AT EPSOM DOWNS

Press Release 22nd May 2025

The Jockey Club, which runs Epsom Downs Racecourse, has today lodged an application to the High Court seeking an injunction to prohibit acts intended to disrupt The Derby Festival.

British racing’s largest commercial operator and employer said it had been forced to take the decision because protesters from Animal Rising continue to make it “explicitly clear” that they intend to breach security at the Surrey racecourse to stage a disruptive protest, which may compromise the safety of equine and human participants and all racegoers.

An injunction would in no way threaten the right of anyone to protest in a peaceful and law-abiding way and The Jockey Club has already offered Animal Rising an area



Details of The Jockey Club's application for an injunction can be found on its website [HERE](#). The injunction sought would prohibit individuals from entering onto the racetrack and carrying out other acts with the intention and/or effect of disrupting the races. Such acts include intentionally causing objects to enter the racetrack, entering the parade ring, entering and/or remaining on the horses' route to the parade ring and to the racetrack without authorisation, and intentionally endangering any person at Epsom Downs Racecourse during the two-day Derby Festival.

If the injunction is granted, individuals acting in breach of the court order could be subject to proceedings for contempt of court, which may lead to a fine and/or imprisonment.

A High Court hearing, which will rule on whether to grant the injunction, has been scheduled to take place on Friday 26th May.

Nevin Truesdale, Chief Executive of The Jockey Club, said: "In planning for The Derby Festival our number one priority will always be to ensure that the safety of all our equine and human participants and the thousands of racegoers who join us at Epsom Downs is not compromised.

"We respect everyone's right to peaceful and lawful protest and with that in mind have offered Animal Rising a space for this purpose directly outside the racecourse during The Derby Festival.

"However, Animal Rising have made it explicitly clear that they intend to breach security and access the track itself in an attempt to stop racing taking place and it is our duty and obligation to do everything we can to protect everyone's safety and prevent a repeat of the illegal and reckless protests we saw at Aintree in April.

"As such the decision to apply for an injunction is a course of action we have been forced to take and is the result of careful consideration following consultation with Surrey Police and a number of stakeholders. If successful, this would be just one of a range of robust security measures we are implementing to ensure the event can go ahead safely.

"We are proud to stage The Derby Festival and hope that the thousands of people who look forward to attending over the two days and the millions more watching at home and around the world are able to enjoy what is not only an important event for the sport but an iconic moment in the British summer and a celebration of the Thoroughbred."

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
THE BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS
OF ENGLAND AND WALES
CHANCERY DIVISION

Case No. [BL-2023-000713]

Sir Anthony Mann, sitting as a Judge of the
High Court
26 May 2023



BETWEEN:

JOCKEY CLUB RACECOURSES LIMITED

Claimant

and

- (1) DANIEL FRANK PETER KIDBY
- (2) PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING THE AREA DESCRIBED BELOW AS THE "RACE TRACK" ON THE DAY OF A "RACING FIXTURE", EXCEPT AT "CROSSING POINTS" WITH "AUTHORISATION", AS DESCRIBED BELOW
- (3) PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING AND/OR REMAINING ON ANY "CROSSING POINTS" WITHOUT "AUTHORISATION" ON THE DAY OF A "RACING FIXTURE", AS DESCRIBED BELOW
- (4) PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING THE AREA DESCRIBED BELOW AS THE "PARADE RING" WITHOUT "AUTHORISATION" ON THE DAY OF A "RACING FIXTURE", AS DESCRIBED BELOW
- (5) PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING AND/OR REMAINING ON ANY PART OF THE AREAS DESCRIBED BELOW AS THE "HORSES' ROUTE TO THE PARADE RING" AND/OR THE "HORSES' ROUTE TO THE RACE TRACK" WITHOUT "AUTHORISATION" ON THE DAY OF A "RACING FIXTURE", AS DESCRIBED BELOW
- (6) PERSONS UNKNOWN INTENTIONALLY OBSTRUCTING THE "HORSE RACES", AS DESCRIBED BELOW
- (7) PERSONS UNKNOWN INTENTIONALLY CAUSING ANY OBJECT TO ENTER ONTO AND/OR REMAIN ON THE "RACE TRACK" WITHOUT "AUTHORISATION" ON THE DAY OF A "RACING FIXTURE", AS DESCRIBED BELOW
- (8) PERSONS UNKNOWN INTENTIONALLY ENDANGERING ANY PERSON AT THE LOCATION DESCRIBED BELOW AS THE "EPSOM RACECOURSE" ON THE DAY OF A "RACING FIXTURE", AS DESCRIBED BELOW

Defendants

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ORDER FOR AN INJUNCTION

PENAL NOTICE

IF YOU THE WITHIN NAMED DEFENDANTS OR ANY OF YOU DISOBEY THIS ORDER OR INSTRUCT OR ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO BREACH THIS ORDER YOU MAY BE HELD TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND MAY BE IMPRISONED, FINED, HAVE YOUR ASSETS SEIZED

ANY OTHER PERSON WHO KNOWS OF THIS ORDER AND DOES ANYTHING WHICH HELPS OR PERMITS THE DEFENDANTS TO BREACH THE TERMS OF THIS ORDER MAY ALSO BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND MAY BE IMPRISONED, FINED OR HAVE THEIR ASSETS SEIZED

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS

This Order prohibits you from doing the acts set out in this Order. You should read it very carefully. You are advised to consult a solicitor as soon as possible. You have the right to ask the Court to vary or discharge this Order.

UPON the Claimant's application by application notice dated 22 May 2023 for an interim injunction ("the Application").

AND UPON the court reading the Application and the Witness Statements listed in Schedule 1 to this Order.

AND UPON the Court hearing Leading Counsel for the Claimant.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. For the purpose of this Order:

- (1) The "Act" means the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984.
- (2) The "Byelaws" means the Byelaws made by The Epsom & Walton Downs Conservators on 18 October 2005, by virtue of s. 11 of the Act.

- (3) The “**Plan**” means the the aerial photographs of the Epsom Racecourse and the markings thereupon, appended to this [draft] Order.
- (4) The “**Epsom Racecourse**” means the area where the Claimant holds Racing Fixtures, within the red line marked on the Plan.
- (5) “**Racing Fixture**” means an Authorised Meeting within the meaning of s. 14 of the Act, being a race meeting held on up to 16 days in any one year at the Epsom Racecourse, including Oaks Day and Derby Day.
- (6) “**Horse Races**” means any and all horse races taking place on the day of a Racing Fixture.
- (7) The “**Race Track**” means the area between the crowd barriers on either side of the stretch of land marked with a yellow dotted line, starting at point (C) and ending at point (D) on the Plan.
- (8) The “**Crossing Points**” mean the 10 points at which members of the public may cross from one side of the Race Track to another with Authorisation, marked in blue on the Plan.
- (9) “**Authorisation**” means authorisation given to any member of the public to be in a particular area at the Epsom Racecourse at a particular time, whether by a steward, police officer, and/or any agent of Jockey Club Racecourses Limited.
- (10) The “**Stables**” means the buildings and area where the horses are accommodated before the races, marked at point (A) on the Plan.
- (11) The “**Parade Ring**” means the area where horses parade ahead of the races, marked at point (B) on the Plan.
- (12) The “**Horse & Jockey Entrance**” means the point at which horses and jockeys enter the Race Track, marked at point (C) on the Plan.
- (13) The “**Horses’ Route to the Parade Ring**” means the pathway by which the horses are led from the Stables to the Parade Ring, marked with a yellow dotted line, starting at point (A) and ending at point (B) on the Plan.
- (14) The “**Horses’ Route to the Race Track**” means the route which the horses take from the Parade Ring to the Race Track, marked with a yellow dotted line, starting at point (B) and ending at point (C) on the Plan.

- (15) The “**Claim Documents**” means the Application Notice, the Witness Statements listed at Schedule 1 to this Order, and the Claim Form.

Injunction in force

2. Until judgment or further order, on the day of any Racing Fixture at the Epsom Racecourse (which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes Oaks Day on 2 June 2023 and Derby Day on 3 June 2023), the Respondents must not:
- (1) Enter the Race Track, except at authorised Crossing Points;
 - (2) Enter and/or remain on any Crossing Points without Authorisation;
 - (3) Enter the Parade Ring without Authorisation;
 - (4) Enter and/or remain on any part of the Horses’ Route to the Parade Ring, without Authorisation;
 - (5) Enter and/or remain on any part of the Horses’ Route to the Race Track, without Authorisation;
 - (6) Intentionally obstruct the Horse Races;
 - (7) Intentionally cause any object to enter onto and/or remain on the Race Track without Authorisation;
 - (8) Intentionally endanger any person at the Epsom Racecourse.

Service

3. Pursuant to CPR r.6.15, r.6.27 and r.81.4(2)(c) and (d) (being an order to dispense with personal service), and having regard to the steps already taken by the Claimant to bring the Claim Documents to the attention of the Second to Eighth Defendants by alternative means, service of the Claim Documents on the Second to Eighth Defendants shall be effected by the Claimant by:
- (1) posting digital copies of the Claim Documents on its website and Facebook page;
 - (2) affixing sealed copies of the Claim Documents in transparent containers in at least 2 conspicuous locations at public entrances to the Epsom Racecourse;
 - (3) providing digital copies to the organisation Animal Rising by email.

4. The Claimant shall effect personal service of the Order on the First Defendant.
5. The Claimant shall attach a copy of the Order by way of the steps set out below, thereby effecting good and sufficient service of this Order on the Second to Eighth Defendants, including for the purposes of CPR 81.4.
 - (1) posting the Order at 50-metre intervals along that part of the perimeter of the Race Track marked with an orange line on the Plan;
 - (2) posting a digital copy of the Order on its website and Facebook page;
 - (3) providing digital copies to the organisation Animal Rising by email.

Directions

6. The Defendants and/or any other person affected by this Order may apply to the court at any time to vary or discharge it, but if they wish to do so they must give the Claimant's solicitors notice in writing at least 48 hours beforehand.
7. Any person applying to vary or discharge this Order must provide his or her full name and address, and an address for service.
8. The Claimants have liberty to apply to extend or vary this Order, or for further directions.
9. Costs reserved.

Name and Address of Claimants' Solicitors

10. The Applicant's solicitors are Pinsent Masons LLP, of 30 Crown Place, Earl Street, London, EC2A 4ES; +44 (0) 20 7418 7000.

Interpretation of this Order

11. In this Order the words "he" "him" or "his" include "she" or "her" and "it" or "its".
12. Where there are two or more Defendants then (unless the contrary appears)
 - (1) References to "the Defendant" mean both or all of them;
 - (2) An Order requiring "the Defendant" to do or not to do anything requires each Defendant to do or not to do it.

The Effect of this Order

13. A Defendant who is an individual who is ordered not to do something must not do it himself or in any other way. He must not do it through others acting on his behalf or on his instructions or with his encouragement.

26 May 2023

SCHEDULE 1

Witness statements

The Judge read the Witness Statements of the following individuals before making this Order:

- (1) Nevin Truesdale, Group Chief Executive of the Claimant;
- (2) Dickon White, Aintree and North-West Regional Director of the Claimant;
- (3) Amy Starkey, Managing Director of the Claimant;
- (4) Simon Knapp, Senior Veterinary Officer for London Region Races for the Claimant;
- (5) Julian Diaz-Rainey, Partner of Pinsent Masons.

SCHEDULE 2

Undertaking given to the Court by the Claimant

If the Court later finds that this Order has caused loss to the Defendants or any other Party served with or notified of this Order and decides that the Defendants or other Party should be compensated for that loss, the Claimant will comply with any Order the Court may make.

SCHEDULE 3

Witness statement: service

The Claimant will provide a witness statement confirming personal service of the Order on the First Defendant.

Access to
Parade Ring
from Stables

- a Stables
- b Parade Ring



Access from
Parade Ring to
race track

b Parade Ring

c Horse & Jockey
entrance to
race track



Access from
Parade Ring to
race track

a Stables

b Parade Ring

c Horse & Jockey
entrance to
race track

d Derby start

e Race finish line



Horses will leave the stables (a) and make their way to the Parade Ring (b).

Jockeys will mount their horse in the Parade Ring (b) and walk their horse to the race track (c).

Jockeys will center their horse to the Derby start (d) where they will enter starting stalls and the race will commence.

Orange line
showing
perimeter of the
racetrack where
the order will be
posted



Protected Areas



- a Stables
- b Parade Ring
- c Horse & Jockey entrance to racecourse
- d Derby start
- e Hotel



Temporary rope in position to separate horses from spectators



Temporary rope in position to separate horses from spectators



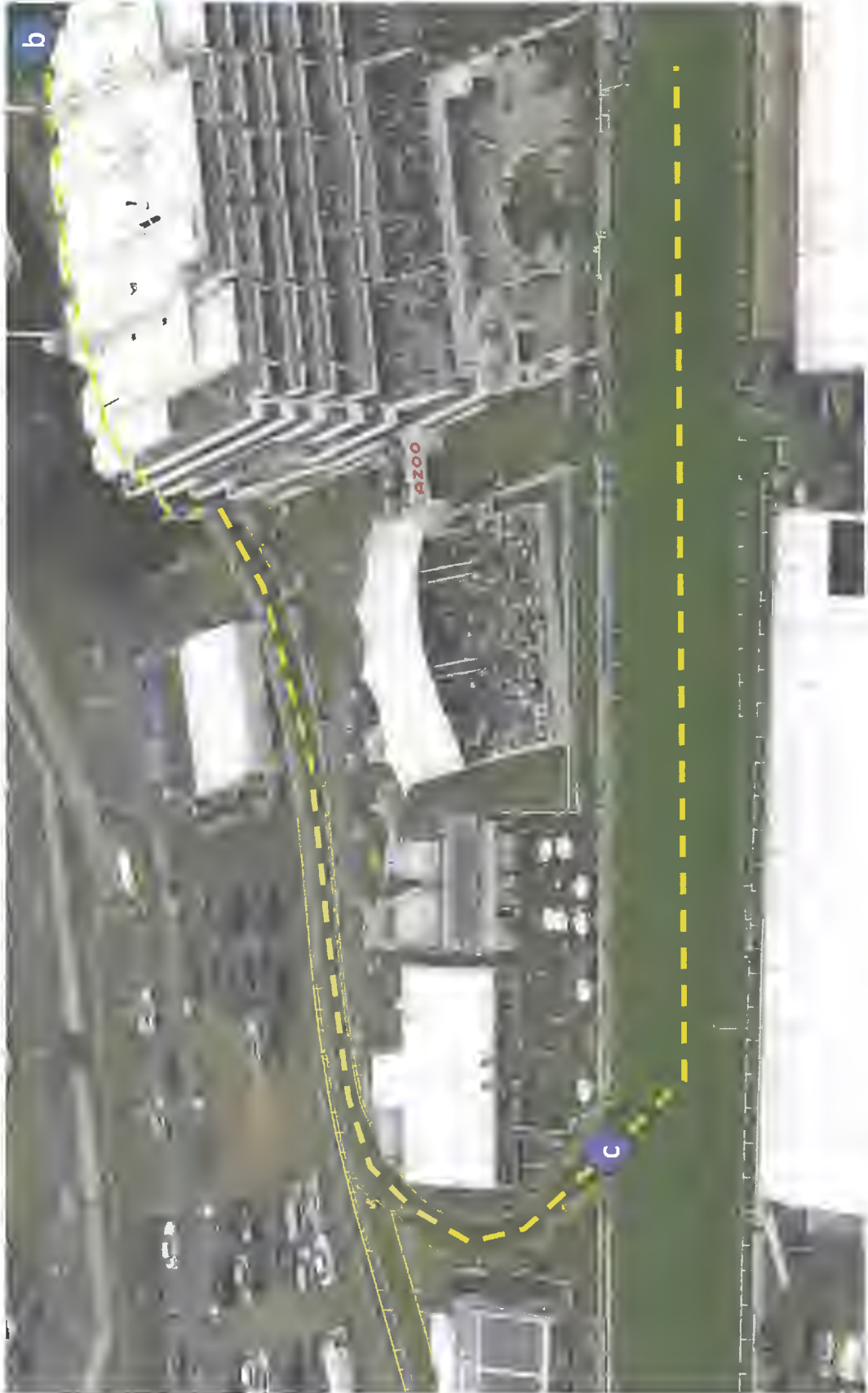
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entrance to
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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9

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Occurrence Number: 45230060343

Statement of: KATHERINE STEVENS

Age if under 18: Over 18 *(if over 18 insert 'over 18')* Occupation: POLICE CONSTABLE

This statement (consisting of THREE page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:  #P4541191 STEVENS, K.

Date: 07/06/2023 14:12

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded

This statement is made in relation to assistance I have provided during my deployment EPSOM DERBY, EPSOM RACECOURSE on SATURDAY 3RD JUNE 2023. I was deployed as a forwards intelligence officer under call sign INDIA 1 with PC 41540 KING, and we were tasked with watching members of the public in case any protest was to take place. I was in full uniform and wearing police issued PPE.

Within this statement I will discuss attempting to intervene when a male who I now know to be a Ben NEWMAN who trespassed onto a live track at EPSOM DOWNS. I was part of a team managing the LONSDALE ENCLOSURE which was situated opposite the Grandstand and had a large number of members of public in it with coaches parked inside the enclosure. This enclosure was directly opposite the Grandstand and I was tasked with observing this area for the day. From my viewpoint observing the LONSDALE ENCLOSURE I was stood between the public barrier which I would describe as a full white fence with no open points to get through, and the race lining barrier which I would describe as a single white length of plastic. This meant I had easy access onto the race course if needed.

At approximately 1333 HRS I have been stood between the main public barrier and the track lining barrier. The horses had all made their way to the start of the Derby Main race and regular updates were given over loud speakers that the horses were being loaded into the starting stalls. There was a general buzz as everyone in the LONSDALE Enclosure was excited for the main race of the day. This was visible over in the Grandstand area as well. Members of public began approaching the public barrier so they could get a better view of the race track. The loud speaker has then announced that the main race has started. I was not aware of the exact timing that the race had started but the cheering of the public had started and the race was being shown on large screens in the LONSDALE Enclosure so it was clear that the race had started. I have kept constant observations on the crowd as I was concerned that public may attempt to access the track due to the briefing we had received at the start of our shift regarding potential track incursions. I was closely watching

members of public and facing away from the race track in order to get the best view of persons attempting to climb over the barrier. I have then heard shouting of "ON TRACK". As I have turned round I have seen a male I now know to be a Ben NEWMAN [REDACTED] running from the Grandstand side of the race track into the middle of the live racing track. I was incredibly concerned as the main Derby race had started and horses would be coming towards NEWMAN at high speeds. I was aware that the main Derby race is a longer race so I knew that I had enough time to get onto the track and attempt to get NEWMAN off the track for his safety. He seemed to be smiling as he ran and I do not believe he had any care for his own safety, the horses who would be coming towards him or the jockeys riding the horses. I have seen that he has attempted to dodge a steward and has successfully done this and kept running. It was clear that NEWMAN was not aware of his own personal safety and the risk he was putting on those trying to get him off the course. Due to a concern for his safety I have run onto the main track during the live track. I have seen my colleague PC 40632 HODGKINS standing in the middle of the track and have seen him manage to rugby tackle NEWMAN to the ground where a racecourse steward has joined him. This was during the live race and I believe it was near the 1/2 furlong marker. I have immediately run towards my colleagues PC 40632 HODGKINS, the steward and NEWMAN who was detained on the floor. I have started shouting "GET HIM OFF THE TRACK. HORSES ARE COMING" as I could hear my colleague PC 40632 HODGKINS stating he was going to handcuff NEWMAN. I had real concerns for the safety of everyone dealing with NEWMAN and the risk he had put on himself, my colleagues and the racecourse steward. I have then assisted with carrying NEWMAN off towards the LONSDALE Enclosure side as I knew that prisoner transport vans had been sat up on standby at the entrance to the enclosure. I have turned my body worn video on at this point as I had previously forgotten to do this when running onto the track. I exhibit the body worn video KS/BWV/01 "Body Worn Video Footage from Epsom Derby". I have been holding NEWMAN's leg as he had refused to walk off the track by himself. He was a heavy weight and had gone all floppy. We have carried NEWMAN towards a gate exit through the public into the LONSDALE Enclosure. Members of the public were shouting and swearing at NEWMAN and we managed to clear a way through to keep NEWMAN safe from the public. The stewards attempted to help us with this. I have been saying "GET BACK GET BACK" to the public who have been booing. During this I have heard the racehorses come galloping past and they were clearly at maximum speed due to being near the finish line. We have walked NEWMAN towards the prisoner transport unit and stood him next to the van in a sterile area. NEWMAN has tried to get onto the van and I have asked him to stay outside until we had searched him. I had concerns that he may have items on him which may be used for locking on or glue items for sticking himself to the van. NEWMAN has given me his details and also to PC 2511 AINSWORTH. I have asked my male colleagues to search NEWMAN as per force policy to ensure that a same gender search was conducted. My colleague PC 41190 BALFOUR has searched NEWMAN. PC 40632 HODGKINS has asked whether NEWMAN had taken anything and he said he hadn't. I have then been handed four receipts by my colleagues PC 41529

COLESHILL which were four £60 transactions for the day. I was not sure whether these were betting slips or tickets. They have shown differing transactions for £60. I have handed these back to officers transporting NEWMAN and they have put these into NEWMAN's property. I have remained with NEWMAN until his search was complete whereby I have returned to track side in case.

I would describe NEWMAN as an IC1 male of around 30 years of age. He was of small stature and had skinny legs. He had a gaunt appearance to his face and had blonde highlighted streaks through darker hair. His hair was longer on the top and gelled to the left whilst the sides were shorter. He had the appearance of a race goer and was dressed in a dark long sleeved shirt with grey smart trousers and black trainers. I had observations of NEWMAN for around ten minutes in total and during the majority of this time I had no obstructions to my view and was looking at him directly. The closest I have got to NEWMAN was very close as I have been carrying him and the furthest was when I have seen him first running on the track. The weather was bright and sunny with good lighting. NEWMAN had distinctive blonde highlights and this would mean I would be able to easily identify him again. It has been four days since the incident when I have written this statement. I had not seen NEWMAN prior to this incident.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9


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Occurrence Number: 45230060343

Statement of: Mark Hodgkins

Age if under 18: Over 18 *(if over 18 insert 'over 18')* Occupation: Police Constable 40632

This statement (consisting of 3 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:  #P4540632 Hodgkins, M.

Date: 03/06/2023 21:13

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded

On Saturday 3rd June, 2023 I was on duty in full police uniform paired with PS 4871 BAKER. We were deployed as an Evidence Gather Team under the call sign 'EG4' to the annual Epsom Derby (horse racing) event in Surrey.

Following information that a group called 'ANIMAL RISING' were planning to disrupt and cause issues during the races were situated ourselves on the 'GRANDSTAND' side of the racetrack. Our role was to look out for any suspicious activity, prevent persons from entering the track and to capture evidence of any offences.

At approximately 13:35 hours the main derby race (THE BETFRED DERBY) started and the horses began racing down the back end of the track. I knew this due to the big screen opposite the GRANDSTAND showing the race live and the crowd noise from people cheering.

A short while into the race I could hear a lot of the crowd shouting and booing. I looked down the track towards 'TATTENHAM CORNER' (last corner before the home straight to the finish line) and could see a male (NEWMAN) in the middle of the track running down towards the finish line being chased by a steward.

I now know this male to be BEN NEWMAN [REDACTED] (32). I would describe NEWMAN as a white male, slim build with medium length brown with some blond highlights hair and was clean shaven. He was wearing a navy shirt, grey trousers with a black belt, black shoes, and black sunglasses.

NEWMAN was running away from stewards down the track towards the finish line in front of the main 'GRANTSTAND' and the 'TATTEHAM MQ' area

Due to the race being on and the risk of horses coming down the home straight at any moment I decided to enter the race track to remove NEWMAN. I ran towards NEWMAN who was still running away from stewards and I tackled him to the floor to prevent his escape.

At 13:36 hours I said to NEWMAN 'YOU ARE UNDER ARREST ON SUSPICION OF CAUSING A PUBLIC NUISANCE'.

A colleague has then joined and shouted 'QUICK WE NEED TO GET OFF THE TRACK THE HORSES ARE COMING'. Along with other police colleagues we have dragged NEWMAN off of the track. Whilst at the side of the track NEWMAN was restrained on the floor. I have then applied handcuffs to him in the rear stack position, double locking and checking for tightness.

I have then said to NEWMAN 'INCASE YOU DIDN'T HEAR, YOU ARE UNDER ARREST ON SUSPICION OF CAUSING A PUBLIC NUISANCE FOR RUNNING INTO THE TRACK LIKE THAT'

I cautioned NEWMAN fully to which he made no reply.

I then said 'YOUR ARREST IS NECESSARY SO WE CAN INTERVIEW YOU AND PREVENT FURTHER HARM'

We kept NEWMAN restrained at the side of the race track on the grass till all of the horses raced passed us towards the finish line. Along with other policing colleagues we have carried NEWMAN down the race track to an exit gate to a prisoner transport unit.

NEWMAN was then searched under Section 32 PACE, only thing of note was that he had a ticker that was 1 of 6 booked together.

At 13:42 hours I further arrested NEWMAN on conspiracy to cause public nuisance. I cautioned him to which he gave no

reply.

NEWMAN was then transported to a custody centre by PC 41263 and I had no further dealings.

It was evident to me that NEWMAN's actions created a serious risk to the horses, the jockeys, myself and other colleagues working at the event who had to enter the live race track. NEWMAN's actions also caused significant distress and annoyance to the thousands of members of the public in attendance at the event.

When I had tackled NEWMAN to the floor and my female colleague shouted at me that the horses were travelling down the home straight we were on I suddenly realised the severity of the situation. I was in genuine fear for my safety at the thought of 10+ horses travelling directly towards us (near the finish line) at around 40 mph. I was really scared that I was going to be seriously injured by the on coming horse, I extremely grateful that other officers arrived so we were able to get NEWMAN off of the track before the horses came racing down.



Case No. BL-2023-000713

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
THE BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES
BUSINESS LIST (ChD)

BL-2023-000713

MR. JUSTICE MILES

11 October 2023

BETWEEN:

JOCKEY CLUB RACECOURSES LIMITED

Claimant / Applicant

-and-

- (1) DANIEL FRANK PETER KIDBY**
- (2) PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING THE AREA DESCRIBED BELOW AS THE “RACE TRACK” ON THE DAY OF A “RACING FIXTURE”, EXCEPT AT “CROSSING POINTS” WITH “AUTHORISATION”, AS DESCRIBED BELOW**
- (3) PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING AND/OR REMAINING ON ANY “CROSSING POINTS” WITHOUT “AUTHORISATION” ON THE DAY OF A “RACING FIXTURE”, AS DESCRIBED BELOW**
- (4) PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING THE AREA DESCRIBED BELOW AS THE “PARADE RING” WITHOUT “AUTHORISATION” ON THE DAY OF A “RACING FIXTURE”, AS DESCRIBED BELOW**
- (5) PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING AND/OR REMAINING ON ANY PART OF THE AREAS DESCRIBED BELOW AS THE “HORSES’ ROUTE TO THE PARADE RING” AND/OR THE “HORSES’ ROUTE TO THE RACE TRACK” WITHOUT “AUTHORISATION” ON THE DAY OF A “RACING FIXTURE”, AS DESCRIBED BELOW**
- (6) PERSONS UNKNOWN INTENTIONALLY OBSTRUCTING THE “HORSE RACES”, AS DESCRIBED BELOW**
- (7) PERSONS UNKNOWN INTENTIONALLY CAUSING ANY OBJECT TO ENTER ONTO AND/OR REMAIN ON THE “RACE TRACK” WITHOUT “AUTHORISATION” ON THE DAY OF A “RACING FIXTURE”, AS DESCRIBED BELOW**
- (8) PERSONS UNKNOWN INTENTIONALLY ENDANGERING ANY PERSON AT THE LOCATION DESCRIBED BELOW AS THE “EPSOM RACECOURSE” ON THE DAY OF A “RACING FIXTURE”, AS DESCRIBED BELOW**

First to Eighth Defendants

(9) MR BEN NEWMAN

Ninth Defendant / Respondent

ORDER

UPON hearing Counsel, Mr. Paul Higgins, for the Applicant, and Counsel, Mr. Tim James-Matthews, for the Repondent

AND UPON the following definitions applying below:

- (i) “Racecourse”: the buildings and land situated at and comprising any of the following: Aintree, Carlisle, Cheltenham, Exeter, Epsom Downs, Haydock Park, Huntingdon, Kempton Park, Markey Raisen, Newmarket, Nottingham, Sandown Park, Warwick and Wincanton racecourses;
- (ii) “Racetrack”: the land at a racecourse between the viewing rails along which horses run competitively at organised meets, save for any land over which lawful visitors to the racecourse may ordinarily cross from one side of the racetrack to another with authorisation given from time to time by a steward, police officer and/or agent of the Applicant and when such authorisation has been given at that time.
- (iii) “Horse Race”: an organised race between horses at any racecourse on any occasion when members of the public are routinely permitted to be present on the racecourse by the Applicant, whether for a fee or otherwise.

AND UPON the Respondent admitting that he is in breach of the injunction order made by Sir Anthony Mann on the 26th May 2023 by reason of him, on 3rd June 2023 (i) having entered the racetrack at Epsom racecourse during the running of the Derby, and (ii) intentionally obstructing the running of the Derby on that occasion

AND UPON the Applicant and Respondent agreeing the following:

1. The horses were approximately 1.4 miles away from the Respondent at the time he went onto the racetrack.
2. The horses were approximately 1.15 to 1.2 miles away from the Respondent at the time he was removed from the racetrack.
3. The horses were approximately 2 minutes 21 seconds to 2 minutes 24 seconds away from the Respondent when he entered the racetrack and approximately 1 minutes 58 seconds to 2 minutes 2 seconds away from him when he was removed from the racetrack.
4. In accordance with British Horseracing Authority (“BHA”) protocols, a specific procedure was in place to stop the race in the event of a major hazard. This procedure required that orange/yellow Stop Race flags be deployed and waved by pre-determined racecourse personal on the instruction of the Clerk of the Course. In addition, the person(s) deploying the flags were required to blow a Fox 40 whistle to ensure riders were aware of their presence. Further to the above, there

was live visual monitoring of the race from the Stewards Room and monitoring via visual technology provided by Racecourse Technical Services Limited (“RaceTech”). For the Derby 2023 the Jockey Club had in place a system of additional flag positions to that normally in place at Epsom, plus different flags to the standard orange/yellow in order to confuse potential protests. Jockeys were briefed accordingly.

5. The Respondent’s encroachment was handled swiftly, with the race in progress but at an early stage and it was not necessary to implement the procedure described above.
6. The procedure is as robust as any involving radio communications, appropriate human action as a result, plus comprehension and action by riders on horses travelling at speed, can be. It carries an element of risk in terms of its implementation and the speed and timeframe of flat races exacerbates this. The earlier the Clerk can make the decision the better, in that it potentially increases the number of flags that can be deployed.
7. In the event that it had proved necessary to do so, the race could have been stopped in time, had the system described above operated as it should have done.
8. The Applicant does not allege that any horse or jockey’s welfare was compromised by the Respondent’s actions during the running of the 2023 Derby.

AND UPON the Respondent undertaking to the Court that until 4.00 pm on the 11th April 2025 or until he is no longer bound by any injunction order made in these proceedings (whichever is the later) he will:

1. Comply with the injunction order of Sir Anthony Mann dated 26th May 2023 (and any successor injunction order made in these proceedings that applies to him);
2. Not engage in any of the following conduct (in each case, where that conduct would have the effect of damaging and/or delaying and/or hindering the Applicant by obstructing, impeding or interfering with the lawful activities undertaken by them):
 - a. Entering or being present on any Racetrack owned or managed by the Applicant;
 - b. Entering or being present on any other area of any Racecourse owned or managed by the Applicant without authorisation;
 - c. Intentionally obstructing or disrupting any Horse Race organised or hosted by the Applicant.

AND UPON the Respondent agreeing to pay a contribution to the Applicant’s costs in the sum £10,000.00

AND UPON the Court having read parts of the hearing bundle and the evidence contained therein as the parties have drawn to the Court's attention, the skeleton arguments of the parties, and such authorities and material contained within the agreed authorities bundle as the parties have drawn to the Court's attention

AND UPON the Court having viewed the video footage and listened to the audio footage exhibited to the affidavit of Nevin Truesdale

AND UPON the Court taking the view that the Respondent's breaches are sufficiently serious that only a custodial sentence would be appropriate

BUT UPON the Court having regard to (i) the Respondent's status as a conscientious protester, (ii) his fulsome apology to the Applicant as contained in his witness statement and repeated to the Court today, (iii) Articles 10 and 11 of the ECHR, (iv) the fact that the Respondent has already spent time in prison in consequence of his criminal prosecution, (v) his statements of remorse and (vi) the further mitigation prayed in his aid, and the Court determining that having regard to such matters a custodial sentence could appropriately be suspended on terms

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Respondent shall be committed to prison for a period of 2 months.
2. The operation of paragraph 1 shall be suspended provided that the Respondent:
 - a. does not enter on and is not present on any Racetrack owned by the Applicant save with the permission of Applicant; and
 - b. does not intentionally obstruct any Horse Race organised by the Applicant.
3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall automatically be revoked at 4pm on the 11th April 2025 unless the Respondent is in custody at that time by reason of the operation of paragraph 1 in which event the revocation of those paragraphs shall occur at the moment that the Respondent is subsequently lawfully released from custody.
4. The sum of £10,000 payable by way of a contribution to the Applicant's costs shall be paid by the Respondent as follows:
 - a. The Respondent is to pay £2,500 by 4 pm on the 25th October 2023; and
 - b. The Respondent is to pay £7,500 by 4 pm on the 31st December 2023.
5. Save as above, no order for costs.
6. A transcript of the judgment shall be prepared at the public expense.

SERVICE

The court has provided a sealed copy of the order to the serving party; Pinsent Masons LLP of 30 Crown Place, Earl Street, London, EC2A 4ES.

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London Marathon 2023: Just Stop Oil 'will continue disrupting sporting events'

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Just Stop Oil previously held a protest around the day of the London Marathon in 2022

Just Stop Oil says it will "continue disrupting cultural and sporting events" amid concerns protestors will target the London Marathon on Sunday.

London Marathon race director Hugh Brasher said that he has received "unique" assurances from Extinction Rebellion over their planned protest.

But, in an interview with the BBC, a Just Stop Oil spokesperson would not rule out disrupting the event.

Indigo Rumbelow said London Marathon runners "want what Just Stop Oil want".

She added the climate activism group's disruption would continue "until the institutions of this country pick a side".

A protester wearing a T-shirt in support of Just Stop Oil halted play at the World Snooker Championship on Monday after climbing on to a table and covering it in orange powder.

More than 45,000 runners are expected to take part in Sunday's race around London, which raised more than £58m for charities in 2022.

"What marathon runners want is clean air, a healthy family and dinner on the table. I want to be clear that that is what Just Stop Oil wants too," Rumbelow said.

Speaking at a press conference on Thursday, British distance running great Mo Farah, who will compete in Sunday's event, said he "trusts" the London Marathon to handle any disruption.

"On Sunday people want to see the best athletes go out there and put on a show," Farah said.

"For us as athletes, we just have to go out there and concentrate on what we're doing. I trust in the London Marathon and the officials to do, as they always do, a great job."



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Premiership final: Protesters force stoppage of Twickenham showpiece between Saracens and Sale

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A Just Stop Oil protestor is escorted off the pitch after disrupting the Gallagher Premiership final between Saracens and Sale at Twickenham

Just Stop Oil protesters caused a stoppage to rugby's Gallagher Premiership final by running on to the pitch and throwing orange paint powder.

The match between Sale and Saracens at Twickenham was briefly delayed when two men ran from the stands.

Stewards escorted the protesters away to cheers from the crowd, and the men were later arrested.

It was the latest sporting event to be affected after play was halted at the World Snooker Championship in April.

A man climbed on to a table at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre and **covered it in orange powder** as another protester tried to glue herself to the second table. A 25-year-old man and 52-year-old woman were arrested on suspicion of causing criminal damage.

A statement from Twickenham stadium said it was a "police matter", adding: "We would like to thank our stewarding team who acted decisively and swiftly."

Just Stop Oil said the protesters at Twickenham were a doctor and a construction worker.

A statement read: "Today's action occurs against a back-drop of more extreme weather events, as increasingly greater carbon concentrations in the atmosphere push us closer to irreversible tipping points, threatening to spin the balance of humanities' life supports systems out of control."

Saracens won 35-25 to secure their sixth Premiership title and first in four years.

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Ashes: Just Stop Oil protesters briefly disrupt opening morning of England v Australia Test at Lord's

By Stephan Shemilt
 Chief cricket writer at Lord's

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Protestors disrupt Ashes Test at Lord's

Just Stop Oil protesters briefly disrupted the first morning of the second Ashes Test, with one carried off the Lord's ground by England wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow.

Two people entered the field attempting to spread orange powder.

As the players guarded the pitch, one was picked up by Bairstow and another stopped by England captain Ben Stokes.

The powder did land on the square, but was cleared by groundstaff and the game resumed after a short delay.

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The Metropolitan Police said three arrests were made after the protest.

Guy Lavender, chief executive of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) which owns Lord's, said he condemned the protest "in the strongest possible terms".

"Their actions not only endanger themselves and those who work at the ground, but they have consistently shown complete disregard for the people who pay to attend events, not just here at Lord's but around the country at other sporting venues," he said.

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said: "Cricket is an important part of our national heritage, but how can we enjoy the Ashes when much of the cricketing world is becoming unfit for humans to live in?"

"We can no longer afford to distract ourselves when the sports we play, the food we eat, and the culture we cherish is at risk.

"It's time for cricket lovers and all those who understand the severity of this situation to get onto the streets and demand action."

Just Stop Oil protesters have disrupted other sporting events this year, including the **rugby union Premiership final** and the **World Snooker Championship**.

The environmental protest group is calling for the government to halt all new oil, gas and coal projects.

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Jonny Bairstow carried one of the protesters all the way to the boundary of the field

Security has been heightened around major cricket matches. With the pitch and conditions more important to the outcome in cricket than most sports, the potential for damage and disruption is greater if protesters are able to reach the middle.

England's team bus was briefly held up by protesters before the Test against Ireland at Lord's earlier this month.

At the World Test Championship final at The Oval, the International Cricket Council took the unusual step of preparing a reserve pitch in case the original one was damaged.

Wednesday's match was only one over old when the protesters entered the field from the Lord's Grandstand.

Initially confronted by the players, they were also tackled by security staff from the venue and the England and Wales Cricket Board.

Bairstow was cheered by the crowd as he carried one protester from the middle to the boundary edge. The other, who got closer to the pitch, was blocked by Stokes and Australia batter David Warner.

Bairstow then left the field to apparently change his shirt and wicketkeeping gloves as the orange powder on the square and outfield had found its way onto his kit.

A spokesperson for Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said: "The Prime Minister is pleased play was able to resume quickly and thanks security staff, the swift hands of Jonny Bairstow and other England players who stepped in."



One protester was blocked by David Warner and Ben Stokes



Initially confronted by the players, the protesters were also tackled by security staff



The orange powder was quickly cleared by groundstaff

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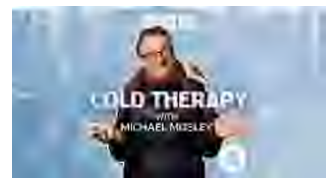
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