

<p>1 Thursday 18 October 2018 2 (10.30 am) 3 Introductory Remarks 4 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: My name is John Saunders and I was 5 appointed by the Lord Chief Justice in August of this 6 year as coroner to undertake the coronial investigations 7 into the death of those killed in the Manchester arena 8 bombing. The bomb exploded at approximately 10.30 on 9 the evening of 22 May 2017 in an area known as the City 10 Room just outside the arena. 11 22 innocent people were killed as a result of that 12 explosion and many more were seriously injured. Many of 13 those killed and injured were children attending the 14 concert or parents collecting or attending with their 15 children. The deaths of the 22 who were killed 16 represent a terrible tragedy for the many family members 17 affected and I would like to start by extending my 18 sympathy to them and offering my condolences for the 19 terrible loss that they have suffered. It was 20 an appalling and needless waste of life. It caused the 21 greatest loss of life of any bomb attack in the United 22 Kingdom since the 7/7 attacks in 2005. It affected not 23 only the families of those who died but all the people 24 of Manchester and the rest of the country. 25 During his opening remarks leading counsel to the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 1</p>	<p>1 Counselling support will be available for family members 2 and survivors and the hearings will be conducted so far 3 as is possible to ensure that those involved are given 4 the help and support that they need. 5 We are fortunate in this case that there have been 6 investigations which have included the gathering of 7 evidence into certain aspects of what happened. Those 8 investigations were not intended to be and cannot be a 9 substitute for the coronial inquiry, nor will I be bound 10 by any conclusions that they have reached but it is my 11 intention that we should use and build on the 12 information that they have acquired in furthering those 13 investigations. 14 One of the investigations which is still ongoing is 15 the criminal investigation into the Hashim Abedi. He 16 has been charged with 22 charges of murder, one charge 17 of attempted murder and one charge of conspiracy to 18 cause explosions. 19 The Crown Prosecution Service have supplied me with 20 an agreed form of words as to the state of that 21 investigation that I shall repeat publicly. It reads as 22 follows: 23 "We are still awaiting the outcome of the CPS 24 request for Hashem Abedi's extradition from Libya. The 25 extradition proceedings are in progress and we are</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 3</p>
<p>1 inquest, Paul Greaney QC, will read out the names of 2 those killed on 22 May. At that stage I will invite all 3 present to stand while the names are read out and then 4 observe a minute's silence in their memory. 5 The purpose of these inquests will be to identify 6 who died, when they died, where they died and examine 7 how they died, which may include considering in what 8 circumstances the deaths occurred. Some of the answers 9 to those questions are clear but others are not and will 10 require thorough and detailed examination of the 11 evidence before they can be arrived at. It is answers 12 to those questions which the families in particular want 13 and are entitled to have answered. 14 The families are central to the inquest process and 15 they will be placed at the heart of the proceedings. It 16 is my intention, with the assistance of the inquest 17 legal team and the interested persons, that these 18 inquests will be a detailed and thorough investigation 19 into these deaths. So far as is possible these inquests 20 will ensure that the full facts are brought to light. 21 The work of the inquest will cover difficult and 22 upsetting evidence. Everything will be done to approach 23 the evidence in a way that is as sensitive as possible 24 whilst ensuring that all matters which require 25 investigation are looked at carefully and thoroughly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 2</p>	<p>1 grateful to the Libyan authorities for considering our 2 extradition request. As proceedings are ongoing, it is 3 essential that we respect the Libyan legal process and 4 therefore we cannot provide any further detail at this 5 time." 6 The statement concludes with this warning which 7 I repeat: 8 "Criminal proceedings are live so please be aware of 9 Section 2(2) of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 as 10 reporting may create a substantial risk that the course 11 of justice in these proceedings will be seriously 12 impeded or prejudiced." 13 By virtue of Schedule 1 of the Coroners and Justice 14 Act 2009, because of the charges brought against Hashem 15 Abedi. I would have to suspended the coronial 16 investigation unless the Crown Prosecution Service 17 inform me that it has no objection to the investigation 18 continuing or I decide that there is an exceptional 19 reason for not suspending the investigation. It is 20 obviously important that I do nothing which could 21 prejudice any forthcoming criminal trial. I expect that 22 everybody here, and particularly the families, would 23 agree with that, provided that it does not cause 24 excessive delay to the coronial investigation. 25 Accordingly, I have been in touch with the Crown</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 4</p>

<p>1 Prosecution Service to try to reach agreement so that 2 the coronial investigation can continue. 3 It is agreed in principle that I can carry out the 4 process of seeking information on matters which may fall 5 within the scope of these inquests. Once I have 6 acquired that information, the normal process would be 7 for me to disclose that information to interested 8 persons. How and in what form that disclosure will be 9 made will remain subject to discussion between the 10 coronial investigation team and the Crown Prosecution 11 Service but I am very hopeful that agreement will be 12 reached. 13 What has been asked of me by the Crown Prosecution 14 Service is that I should not begin the inquest oral 15 evidence hearing until any criminal prosecution is 16 completed. We are still some way off when we can give 17 a date for the start of the inquest oral evidence 18 hearing, but it is likely that the preparations will 19 take about a year before we are in a position to start. 20 Over that time I shall continue to communicate with the 21 Crown Prosecution Service as to when a criminal trial 22 may start, the duration of any trial once it has 23 started. 24 The purpose of this pre-inquest hearing is to 25 advance the investigation as much as we can. In</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 5</p>	<p>1 make to you. 2 On the evening of 22 May last year the singer Ariana 3 Grande performed a concert at the Manchester Arena. 4 That venue is situated adjacent to and part in runs 5 above Manchester Victoria railway station. This was one 6 of the performer's few concerts in the United Kingdom 7 and so thousands of people had travelled from far and 8 wide to attend and that is why what was to occur was 9 a tragedy not just for Manchester but for the country as 10 a whole. 11 The concert ended shortly before 10.30 pm and those 12 who had attended started to leave. Many left by a large 13 foyer called the City Room. That foyer links the 14 Manchester Arena to Victoria Station and to other 15 places. Waiting in the City Room was a suicide bomber 16 named Salman Abedi. As the concert goes left, many 17 with parents who had either attended with them or waited 18 in the City Room to collect them, Salman Abedi detonated 19 his bomb. In doing so he killed 22 innocent people and 20 many more were severely injured and this was, in the 21 true sense of the word, an atrocity. 22 Sir, as you indicated, I'm now going to read out the 23 names of those who were killed. 24 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Can I invite everyone to stand please? 25 PAUL GREANEY QC: The names of the persons killed are as</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 7</p>
<p>1 particular, I intend to arrange for and timetable 2 submissions to be made by interested persons on various 3 topics which need to be determined before the start of 4 the inquest oral evidence hearings. 5 I would ask people to avoid the risk of prejudicing 6 the inquest by reporting opinion or comment relating to 7 matters the inquest will enquire into. Not only is the 8 possibility of a criminal trial live, a decision has not 9 yet been taken as to whether a jury will be required to 10 hear the inquest and so the possibility of prejudicing 11 the outcome still exists. 12 Finally I would like to address a matter that is of 13 significant concern, I know, to the families. That is 14 the issue of the inquest into the death of Salman Abedi. 15 That inquest will not be heard with inquests of the 22 16 people who were tragically killed on 22 May 2017. No 17 preliminary hearing has presently been fixed for Salman 18 Abedi's inquest. I will consider carefully the timing 19 and arrangements for that inquest in due course but I am 20 currently focused on progressing these inquests. 21 Mr Greaney. 22 Introductory remarks by Counsel to the Inquest 23 PAUL GREANEY QC: Sir, we will begin with a very brief 24 summary of the facts, because that will frame the 25 submissions that we as counsel for the inquest have to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 6</p>	<p>1 follows: John Atkinson, Courtney Boyle, Kelly Brewster, 2 Georgina Callander, Olivia Campbell-Hardy, Liam Curry, 3 Wendy Fawell, Martyn Hett, Megan Hurley, Alison Howe, 4 Nell Jones, Michelle Kiss, Angelika Klis, Marcin Klis, 5 Sorrell Leczkowski, Lisa Lees, Eilidh MacLeod, Elaine 6 McIver, Saffie Rose-Roussos, Chloe Rutherford, Philip 7 Tron, Jane Carolyn Tweddle. 8 Those, sir, are the 22 names and we will now 9 observe, as you've said, a minute silence. 10 (Silence) 11 Sir, I now invite those present to sit 12 PAUL GREANEY QC: Sir, the reading of those names says 13 nothing about the lives or personalities of the 22 14 people who were killed and yet their lives and 15 personalities are matters of central importance to the 16 proceedings upon which we are now embarked. A process 17 of commemoration and pen portraits at the commencement 18 of the inquest oral evidence hearing will enable much 19 more to be learned about those crucial matters and 20 importantly, as you, sir, have said, it will place the 21 deceased and their families at the heart of these 22 proceedings where they belong. Accordingly we consider 23 such a process to be vital and it's important to state 24 and emphasise that at the outset. 25 Sir, you have been nominated by the Lord Chief</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 8</p>

<p>1 Justice to conduct these inquests. Section 5 of the 2 Coroners and Justice Act 2009 provides that for each 3 deceased person these inquests should produce answers to 4 four questions: who the deceased was and how, when and 5 where the deceased came about his or her death. That is 6 the task of these inquests. The names of each deceased 7 person and when and where each person died is likely to 8 be uncontroversial but the how question will inevitably 9 require close and detailed investigation, we submit, and 10 in circumstances in which Article 2 of the European 11 Convention is engaged, pursuant to Section 5(2) of the 12 Act, the question of how a deceased person came about 13 his or her death will involve ascertaining the 14 circumstances of death and we shall turn to that issue 15 shortly.</p> <p>16 But before doing so, sir, we should introduce the 17 representatives who appear before you today. First, 18 your counsel. I am counsel to the inquest. As you've 19 said, sir, my name is Paul Greaney and I'm supported by 20 Sophie Cartwright and Jesse Nicholls, two other 21 barristers in independent practice. As counsel to the 22 inquest, our role is to assist you, sir, to discharge 23 your duty to investigate the deaths. That role includes 24 making submissions from an independent position on 25 matters of law and procedure, assisting with the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 9</p>	<p>1 Fawell, Megan Hurley, Nell Jones, Angelika Klis, Marcin 2 Klis, Eilidh MacLeod. Martyn Hett and Elaine McIver are 3 represented by John Cooper QC instructed by Slater & 4 Gordon.</p> <p>5 The family of Georgina Callendar are represented by 6 Amanda Webster of Harrison Drury & Co. Steven Howe 7 represents the family of Alison Howe. The family of 8 Lisa Lees is not today legally represented.</p> <p>9 Turning away from the family representatives and to 10 others who are legally represented here today, SMG 11 Europe Limited is represented by Andrew O'Connor QC, 12 instructed by DLA Piper. British Transport Police is 13 represented by Mariel Irvine. The Greater Manchester 14 Combined Authority, which includes Greater Manchester 15 Fire and Rescue Service, is represented by Andrew 16 Warnock QC instructed by BLM. The Secretary of State 17 for the Home Department is represented by Neil Sheldon, 18 instructed by Hannah Wall of the Government Legal 19 Department.</p> <p>20 Greater Manchester Police is represented by Jeremy 21 Johnson QC. Salford University is represented by Louis 22 Browne QC instructed by Hill Dickinson and finally, so 23 far as the representatives here are concerned, the North 24 West Ambulance Service is represented by Jessica Swift 25 of Weightmans.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 11</p>
<p>1 preparations for the inquest oral evidence hearing, 2 including pursuing all legitimate lines of evidential 3 enquiry and with administrative matters during the 4 hearing and it will involve leading the examination of 5 witnesses on your behalf.</p> <p>6 We, as counsel to the inquest, are supported by the 7 solicitor to the inquest, Tim Suter, and his team, 8 including Nicola Margiotta at Field Fisher and by the 9 secretary to the inquest, Michael Collins.</p> <p>10 Sir, dealing with the other representatives in the 11 order in which they appear in the list that's within 12 your bundle, the families of Sorrell Leczkowski boss 13 could he and Philip Tron are represented by Harriet 14 Johnson, instructed by Hudgell solicitors.</p> <p>15 The family of Saffie-Rose is represented by Anna 16 Morris instructed by Broudie Jackson Canter.</p> <p>17 The families of Michelle Kiss, Jane Carolyn Tweddle, 18 Liam Curry, Chloe Rutherford, the father of Olivia Paige 19 Campbell-Hardy and the mother of Courtney Boyle are 20 represented by Lucy Organ instructed by Hogan Lovells.</p> <p>21 The father of Courtney Boyle is represented by 22 Austen Welch, instructed by Addleshaw Goddard. The 23 mother of Olivia Campbell-Hardy is not legally 24 represented here today.</p> <p>25 The families of John Atkinson, Kelly Brewster, Wendy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 10</p>	<p>1 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you.</p> <p>2 PAUL GREANEY QC: Sir, from there we turn to deal with the 3 items listed in the agenda for this pre-inquest review 4 hearing which was circulated on 2 October. We should 5 say that we've received a number of written submissions 6 in response, all of which were co-operative and helpful 7 and we are grateful for them.</p> <p>8 Issue 1, the designation of interested persons. 9 Sir, an early issue for you to determine is which 10 individuals and organisation are to be treated as 11 interested persons within the meaning of Section 47(2) 12 of the Act. Interested persons have a number of rights, 13 of course, including to receive disclosure of documents 14 and to examine witnesses. We don't propose to repeat 15 the definition of interested person given in the Act, 16 but we submit on the basis of it that the following 17 should be recognised by you, sir, as interested persons 18 at the Manchester Arena inquest.</p> <p>19 Members of the family of each deceased person. The 20 Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police. The Chief 21 Constable of British Transport Police. The Greater 22 Manchester Combined Authority, which, as we've said, 23 includes the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, 24 the North West Ambulance Service, the Secretary of State 25 for the Home Department, the Crown Prosecution Service,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 12</p>

<p>1 Network Rail and SMG Europe Ltd, which company operated 2 and managed the Manchester Arena. 3 Sir, there are likely to be other organisations 4 and/or individuals entitled to interested person status 5 under Section 47(2)(m) or on other grounds. It may well 6 be that you, sir, will identify further organisations 7 and other individuals and of course any applications for 8 that status must be considered by you. Whilst as 9 counsel to the inquest we submit that you should not 10 shut out such applications on the basis of their timing, 11 whenever received, it is obviously desirable that those 12 applications should be made soon, in writing and with 13 supporting reasons, and accordingly we suggest that you 14 should set a date for the service of applications for 15 interested person status, that date being 4.00 pm on 16 Friday, 16 November of this year. 17 We should add only one matter on this topic of 18 interested persons, namely that an application in 19 writing has been made on behalf of Salford University 20 for interested person status. Salman Abedi was at the 21 time of the bombing a student at the university. He 22 was, as we understand it, in the second year of a BSC 23 degree on the Business and Management Programme and the 24 university has submitted that it has a sufficient 25 interest within the meaning of Section 47(2)(m) and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 13</p>	<p>1 have explained to Mr Brown QC, who represents the 2 university, that we intended to make this submission and 3 he, as we understand it, agrees with it and does not 4 intend to make further submissions at this stage. To 5 put it simply, he reserves his position. 6 Sir, that is all we would wish to say to you at this 7 stage about the designation of interested persons and 8 we'll move to the second issue, an important issue, 9 namely the timing of the inquest oral evidence hearing. 10 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: I think the best approach is for to you 11 complete your submissions. We will then return to the 12 individual matters for any submissions which anybody 13 wishes to make after we've heard all of your 14 submissions. 15 PAUL GREANEY QC: Sir, we respectfully agree that that is 16 the better approach. Thank you. 17 So issue number 2, the timing of the inquest oral 18 evidence hearing. 19 As is widely known, and, sir, as you yourself have 20 said in your introductory remarks, the Crown Prosecution 21 Service has authorised charges against Hashem Abedi, the 22 younger brother of the bomber Salman Abedi. The charges 23 he faces are 22 charges of murder, one charge of 24 attempted murder and one charge of conspiracy to cause 25 explosions. Salman Abedi is in Libya and, sir, a</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 15</p>
<p>1 should therefore be designated an interested person. 2 Two particular reasons have been given by the university 3 for that application. First, it has submitted that you 4 may find it helpful to receive information from the 5 university about Abedi's level of, as it's put, academic 6 performance and engagement in years one and two. We 7 make plain that we certainly wish to receive that 8 information and we would invite the university to 9 provide the fullest possible disclosure as soon as 10 possible. However, we submit that this does not of 11 itself give the university a sufficient interest to be 12 given interested person status. 13 The second reason advanced by the university in its 14 document is that the university has, as it's put, a 15 genuine desire to participate and assist the inquest 16 process. We applaud that, but once again it is not 17 sufficient to place the university in interested person 18 territory. Many others will feel the same way, we have 19 no doubt, and of course we would encourage such 20 an approach. 21 In short, therefore, we do not consider therefore 22 that you should designate the university as an 23 interested person as matters stand, but you should keep 24 that under review as disclosure is given to you, in 25 particular but not exclusively, by the university. We</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 14</p>	<p>1 request for his extradition has been made. 2 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Hashem Abedi. 3 PAUL GREANEY QC: Hashem Abedi, forgive me. 4 Sir, as you have said, the Crown Prosecution Service 5 has communicated the following position to you in the 6 following carefully expressed terms which it is worth 7 repeating. We are still awaiting the outcome of the CPS 8 request for Abedi's extradition from Libya. The 9 extradition proceedings are in progress and we are 10 grateful to the Libyan authorities for considering our 11 extradition request. As proceedings are ongoing it is 12 essential that we respect the Libyan legal process and 13 therefore we cannot provide any further detail at this 14 time. Criminal proceedings are live, so please be aware 15 of Section 2(2) Contempt of Court Act 1981 as reporting 16 may create a substantial risk that the course of justice 17 in these proceedings will be seriously impeded or 18 prejudiced. 19 Sir, it is important to emphasise that in these 20 circumstances paragraph 2(2)(b) of Schedule 2 to the Act 21 is engaged. Abedi has been charged on an indictment 22 with the relevant offence without having appeared or 23 being brought before a Magistrates' Court charged with 24 it. The consequence of this is that you must suspend 25 your investigation, in other words bring your work to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 16</p>

<p>1 a halt, unless the Crown Prosecution Service informs you 2 that it has no objection to the investigation continuing 3 or, sir, unless you think that there is exceptional 4 reason for not suspending the investigation. 5 The need for caution will be understood by all. 6 Nothing must be done which risks prejudice to the 7 criminal proceedings. However, in the circumstances of 8 this case our view as counsel to the inquest is that it 9 is difficult to see why these should require the 10 suspension of your investigation. There is plainly much 11 that you can do without generating any risk to the 12 criminal proceedings. That includes obtaining 13 disclosure to yourself of all relevant material from 14 individuals and organisations in accordance with the 15 Worcestershire principles, and giving onwards disclosure 16 to interested persons to the extent that criminal 17 proceedings will not thereby be prejudiced. 18 Extensive discussions have taken place between the 19 Crown Prosecution Service and your legal team on the 20 issue identified in paragraph 2 (6)(a) of Schedule 1, 21 namely whether the Crown Prosecution Service would 22 consent to continuation. Those discussions have been 23 co-operative and positive. Happily as a result on the 24 15 October solicitors to the inquest received 25 confirmation of the position of the Crown Prosecution</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 17</p>	<p>1 that you are then, sir unable to meet. 2 We know that Mr Johnson QC wishes to make certain 3 submissions to about the police investigation. We 4 welcome the further information that he's able to 5 provide to you, sir, and to others who are interested, 6 but all will understand that he is necessarily 7 exercising caution in what he says for the reasons that 8 I have given. 9 Second, Salman Abedi was a suicide bomber and 10 therefore died himself in his attack. The law requires 11 that there must be an inquest into his death but it does 12 not require it to take place alongside the inquest of 13 those he killed. In our submission there is good reason 14 why the inquest of the 22 innocent victims to take place 15 at a single hearing and should take place first. In 16 contrast, there are multiple compelling reasons why 17 Salman Abedi's inquest should not take place alongside 18 those inquests, including that to do so would inevitably 19 add to the distress of the bereaved families. Salman's 20 Abedi's inquest should, we consider, be adjourned and be 21 listed at some stage following the conclusion of the 22 hearing of the inquest into the 22 innocent persons who 23 were killed. 24 We're aware that there has been a suggestion that 25 a pre-inquest review hearing in his case, that's to say</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 19</p>
<p>1 Service and they did so in the following terms. There 2 is, it was said, no objection to the pre-inquest review 3 hearings being held, but that the inquest oral evidence 4 hearings should not be commenced until after the 5 conclusion of the criminal prosecution. 6 As counsel to the inquest understands this, it 7 amounts to confirmation by the Crown Prosecution Service 8 that it has no objection to your investigation 9 continuing but understandably the Crown Prosecution 10 Service wishes the inquest oral evidence hearing should 11 not start until the criminal prosecution of Hashem Abedi 12 has concluded. In short, sir, this means that can you 13 get on with your important work. 14 It is important to emphasise two further matters 15 bearing upon the timing of the inquest oral evidence 16 hearing. First, we submit that you are still some way 17 off being able to provide a date for that hearing. But 18 as, sir, you yourself have said, it is likely that it 19 will be about a year before the necessary preparations 20 for that hearing have been completed, even leaving to 21 one side the realistic prospect that it will be 22 necessary for the trial of Hashem Abedi to take place 23 before the inquest oral evidence hearing. We have no 24 wish to be seen to be excessively pessimistic. But it 25 would, we suggest, be worse to build up expectations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 18</p>	<p>1 Abedi's case, will take place tomorrow. May we be 2 clear, it will not. It will take place at a time in the 3 future, at a time sensitive to the families. 4 The next topic is disclosure of documents. Sir, you 5 have statutory powers to require documents and other 6 evidence to be provided by both private and public 7 authorities. Our expectation is that those who have 8 possession of relevant material will provide voluntary 9 disclosure of it and in that regard we can report that 10 a constructive meeting has already taken place between 11 the inquest legal team and representatives of the 12 Kerslake review who hold a good deal of material. But 13 we must emphasise at this early stage in the inquest 14 before you, sir, the following. One, all organisations 15 and individuals who hold relevant material must take 16 immediate steps, if not already taken, to ensure that 17 that material is retained. Two, disclosure requests 18 will shortly be made by solicitors to the inquest. 19 Three, the obligation to make disclosure to you, sir, 20 exists not just now but will continue until the 21 conclusion of the inquest at the earliest. And, four, a 22 senior representative of every organisation holding 23 material and every individual who similarly holds 24 material will be required in due course to sign 25 a document undertaking that everything relevant has been</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 20</p>

<p>1 provided to you, sir, and setting out the steps that 2 have been taken to retain material and provide 3 disclosure. 4 In inquests as important and complex as these, we 5 submit that you, sir, will seek disclosure from 6 interested persons of statements and documentary 7 evidence relevant to the inquest proactively rather than 8 waiting for or requiring applications under Rule 13 of 9 the Coroners Rules 2013. You should, we suggest, apply 10 a two-stage disclosure process inwards to you and then 11 outwards from you as considered in the Chief Coroner's 12 Law Sheet Number 3 and in the well-known Worcestershire 13 case. 14 As will generally be understood, you and your team 15 have been appointed only recently and we have had to 16 address a situation created by paragraph 2(2)(b) of 17 Schedule 1 to the Act in the situation in relation to 18 suspension. 19 At the current time, it is not possible to give 20 a meaningful indication of when substantial disclosure 21 will be provided. But the interested persons should be 22 assured that all that can be done will be done to 23 minimise delay. 24 An update will be given by counsel to the inquest in 25 writing ahead of the next pre-inquest review, by which</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 21</p>	<p>1 personal and sensitive data and in our view such 2 undertakings are therefore appropriate. But we 3 emphasise that all interested persons will be required 4 to sign them, not just some. 5 The next issue is the engagement of Article 2 ECHR. 6 Article 2 enshrines protection of the right to life. 7 In our written submissions we've set out the law, which 8 we don't repeat orally. In the agenda for the first 9 pre-inquest review hearing, we explained to all 10 interested persons that you, sir, had formed the 11 provisional view that Article 2 is engaged. We submit 12 that you are correct. Lord Kerslake and a panel of 13 others have already carried out an independent review 14 into the preparedness for and the emergency response to 15 the Manchester Arena attack, and David Anderson QC, now 16 Lord Anderson, has already carried out an independent 17 assessment of the MI5 and police internal reviews into 18 the attacks in both London and Manchester. On the basis 19 of the work of Lord Kerslake and David Anderson QC, it 20 appears arguable that substantive duties under Article 2 21 have been breached and, if that is right, Article 2 is 22 engaged. 23 Of course the work of Lord Kerslake and David 24 Anderson QC is no substitute for your investigation and 25 your of course will not be bound by their conclusions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 23</p>
<p>1 stage we're confident an electronic disclosure platform 2 will be up and running and indeed arrangements in that 3 regard are already in hand. 4 Finally, on the topic of disclosure, we make the 5 following observations. First, that we propose, sir, 6 that you should make disclosure to each family of two 7 documents without delay but subject to the second point 8 that I will shortly make. Those two documents are the 9 post mortem report relating to their loved one and any 10 victim personal statement that was given. This will, we 11 suggest, need to be handled with great care and 12 solicitors to the inquest will be liaising over the best 13 way of dealing with this. To those bereaved families 14 who are represented, we propose that disclosure be made 15 to their representatives. To those who are not 16 represented, Mr Suter, solicitor to the inquest, will 17 liaise with them. He will meet personally with them to 18 deal with the documents, if that is the best way of 19 dealing with matters, or he will make arrangements 20 through their family liaison officer. 21 That is the first of the final topics on disclosure. 22 The second is that it seems to us, as counsel to the 23 inquest, that interested persons should be required to 24 sign confidentiality undertakings before receiving any 25 disclosure. The evidence will inevitably contain</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 22</p>	<p>1 But it is, we submit, permissible and indeed sensible 2 for you to build upon the information that those 3 conducting those reviews have obtained. 4 Ultimately we submit that whether or not Article 2 5 is engaged is not likely to be important to the breadth 6 of your investigation which inevitably, we suggest, will 7 be wide, probing and robust. 8 Nonetheless, we submit that it would be helpful to 9 receive the views of the interested persons on the 10 engagement of Article 2, even if only on a provisional 11 basis, at the next pre-inquest review hearing and 12 accordingly we suggest that you should invite any 13 submissions that interested persons may wish to make on 14 this issue by 4.00 pm on Friday, 18 January 2019. 15 I turn next to deal with the issue of scope, that is 16 to say the scope of these inquests. It is too early for 17 anyone to make submissions on scope, we suggest. 18 Nonetheless it seems to us, as counsel to the inquest, 19 that the following may be within scope and we make plain 20 that we're not in any sense seeking now to be 21 prescriptive. One, whether the attack by Abedi could 22 have been prevented by the authorities. This will 23 inevitably it seems to us, involve, if within scope, an 24 investigation of the background of Abedi and the 25 knowledge of MI5, the police and others about him.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 24</p>

<p>1 Second, the build up to the attack, including attack 2 planning. 3 Third, the attack itself. 4 Fourth, the security arrangements within and outside 5 the arena and, fifth, the response of the emergency 6 services, including planning. 7 Sir, we submit that ultimately this is an issue that 8 cannot be considered in any detail today but will need 9 to be considered in further detail at the next 10 pre-inquest review hearing. 11 The next issue on the agenda is the question of 12 whether a jury will be required. Section 7(2) of the 13 Act sets out the categories of case in which an inquest 14 must be held with a jury and Section 7(3) provides the 15 discretionary ground, namely that the coroner thinks 16 that there is sufficient reason for doing so. But we 17 acknowledge that it's too early to reach a final view on 18 this issue, the issue of whether a jury is required, and 19 indeed it may be too early to do so even at the next 20 pre-inquest review hearing. However, we submit that it 21 would be helpful to receive the views of the interested 22 persons, even if on only a provisional basis at that 23 next hearing and accordingly we suggest that you, sir, 24 should invite any submissions that interested persons 25 wish to make on this issue by, again, Friday 18 January</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 25</p>	<p>1 the next pre-inquest review hearing. However, we should 2 make plain that we intend that experts should be 3 instructed on your behalf, sir, in the following areas. 4 Evidence of an expert nature on forensic pathology. 5 Evidence of an expert nature of intensivists and 6 evidence of an expert nature on the management of major 7 incidents. 8 Next, the location for the inquest oral evidence 9 hearing. The inquest team is committed to obtaining a 10 location for the inquest oral evidence hearing which is 11 in Manchester and suitable for all interested persons 12 and which is arranged so as to allow the bereaved 13 families fully to engage with the process. We make 14 plain that we acknowledge, as we've emphasised already, 15 that the victims of this outrage were not all based in 16 Manchester, indeed far from it, but Manchester is 17 nonetheless we suggest the appropriate venue for these 18 proceedings. 19 Furthermore, we anticipate that counselling 20 facilities will be present throughout the oral evidence 21 hearing and we are, if we can put it this way, open to 22 the idea of a live feed to another location if that 23 would assist with effective participation. 24 As of today's date, sir, we are not in a position to 25 identify the final location for the oral evidence</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 27</p>
<p>1 of next year at 4.00 pm. 2 Next, and very importantly, pen portraits. We have 3 indicated already that we consider, sir, that the 4 inquest oral evidence must commence with a process of 5 commemoration and pen portraits, although we emphasise 6 that process must be entirely voluntary. We doubt that 7 there will be any disagreement on the appropriateness of 8 such a process, but, if any interested person does wish 9 to argue against the course we propose they should, we 10 suggest, set out their position in writing and with 11 reasons by 4.00 pm on that same date, Friday, 12 18 January 2019. 13 Sir, finally on this topic, we must emphasise again 14 that no family member must at any stage feel any 15 compulsion to take part proactively in the commemoration 16 process. We recognise that different families may have 17 different views and so, as we've submitted, it must be 18 entirely voluntary. 19 Next, expert evidence and witnesses. It is, we 20 suggest, obviously too early for either counsel to the 21 inquest or the interested persons to make meaningful 22 submissions on either expert evidence or witnesses and 23 we note that others who have made submissions for this 24 hearing share that view. We anticipate that this will 25 be a topic upon which submissions will be timetabled at</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 26</p>	<p>1 hearings. 2 The next topic, sir, is a matter that you have 3 already made reference to. It is reporting. 4 To put it in very stark terms, all reporting must be 5 responsible. That is because, as the Crown Prosecution 6 Service has observed, the proceedings against Abedi are 7 now active within the meaning of the Contempt of Court 8 Act 1981. But there is another reason also, because 9 a decision has yet to be made on the question of whether 10 the inquest should be held with a jury, so the 11 possibility of prejudicing an outcome of an oral 12 evidence hearing therefore exists. 13 Sir, the penultimate topic is timetable for 14 submissions by interested persons and we've dealt with 15 this as we've gone along, but we'll summarise the 16 position now, sir, so that there is no doubt about it. 17 Any applications for interested person status must be 18 made in writing and with supporting reasons, we suggest, 19 by 4.00 pm on Friday, 16 November. Any submissions by 20 interested persons on any of the following issues, again 21 in writing and with supporting reasons, by 4.00 pm on 22 Friday 18 January of next year. The engagement of 23 Article 2, the need for a jury and pen portraits. 24 So the final item on the agenda, but not the final 25 item I will deal with today.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 28</p>

1 As I was saying, the final issue on the agenda,
 2 although not the final issue I will deal with today, is
 3 the date of the next pre-inquest review hearing, and
 4 Ms Cartwright has just provided me with confirmation of
 5 the position that, sir, the next pre-inquest review
 6 hearing will take place on 28 February of next year and
 7 it will take place in this very location. Thank you
 8 very much, Ms Cartwright.

9 Sir, the final matter that I will deal with before
 10 inviting submissions from any interested person that
 11 wishes to address any of the matters that I have dealt
 12 with might be described as other practical matters.
 13 There are a number of practical matters that we need to
 14 deal with finally in our address to you, sir. First, an
 15 entirely understandable request has been made on behalf
 16 of the bereaved families that where, during the course
 17 of the oral evidence hearing, distressing images are
 18 shown or distressing material deployed, that notice
 19 should be given of that fact so that anyone who wishes
 20 to is then able to leave before that material is
 21 deployed. This would, we can say, in any event have
 22 been our intention, but the families have our assurance
 23 that we will be sensitive in relation to that matter.

24 Second, as I've hinted to already, where there is
 25 a need to liaise with the families by the inquest team,

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1 that will be done with their legal representative where
 2 appointed. Where they have no legal representative.
 3 Mr Suter will discuss with them whether they wish to
 4 have liaison direct or via their family liaison officer.
 5 Third, and finally, security for all of the hearings is
 6 a subject of close concern to, we recognise, everybody.
 7 Everyone will appreciate that we cannot say too much,
 8 but we can confirm that we have received assurances that
 9 this subject, the subject of security for the hearings,
 10 is the subject of a consideration at the highest levels
 11 and is taken very seriously indeed.

12 So what we suggest should happen next, subject to
 13 your view, is that the interested persons should make
 14 submissions, if they wish to, on each topic in turn,
 15 following which you should make any decision, if
 16 decision indeed is necessary, and it may be, depending
 17 on which topic that you're dealing with, that you may
 18 wish to hear from different interested persons in
 19 a different order. I hope that makes sense and so, if
 20 we might indicate who we feel you might first receive
 21 submissions from most conveniently on the issue of
 22 interested persons. We suggest that the appropriate
 23 order would be any submissions that Salford University
 24 now wish to make, followed by anyone else not including
 25 the bereaved families and finally any submissions that

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1 the bereaved families wish to make on the topic of
 2 interested persons.

3 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Right. Mr Greaney, before I do that
 4 I just want to say something, please, to the press.

5 I don't know how many of you if any are tweeting out
 6 reports as we go along. I have no problem with that.
 7 What has gone so far has been looked at with a fair
 8 amount of care to make sure that it couldn't prejudice
 9 any proceedings. What is coming after I don't know, so
 10 would you be careful, please, if there's anything which
 11 looks like it might prejudice any proceedings, inquest
 12 or criminal proceedings, please don't immediately tweet
 13 it out. So just give us a moment and no doubt someone
 14 will say there is a problem with that. Mr Greaney, we
 15 will approach these things in the way you've indicated.

16 PAUL GREANEY QC: Thank you, sir.

17 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Just dealing for a moment with the
 18 interested persons, you have actually set out in your
 19 submissions those who you think should be interested
 20 persons.

21 PAUL GREANEY QC: We have.

22 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Would there be any difficulty, subject
 23 to any objections or any representations being made, to
 24 me saying that they will be interested persons now?

25 PAUL GREANEY QC: Sir, subject to any submissions that

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1 would, we suggest, be the appropriate course.

2 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you. So in relation to those who
 3 have been listed by counsel as interested persons, does
 4 anybody have anything to say against or for that? No.

5 Mr Howe, you're unrepresented. If you want to say
 6 anything to me at any stage on any of the topics, then
 7 please just indicate.

8 MR HOWE: I am alright, thanks.

9 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Mr Browne.

10 LOUIS BROWNE QC: I'm grateful sir, at the moment we have
 11 nothing further to add.

12 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: I would be grateful to receive any
 13 further submissions you wish to make in writing,
 14 amplifying what has already gone on, if that would be
 15 helpful. Please feel free at any time to do that.

16 LOUIS BROWNE QC: I'm very grateful, thank you.

17 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: I'm very keen to have the assistance of
 18 the university into our enquiry and have the information
 19 that they have.

20 LOUIS BROWNE QC: Of course, sir, thank you.

21 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Mr Greaney, was there anybody else
 22 I should be asking for submissions on that particular
 23 topic?

24 PAUL GREANEY QC: No one has indicated to me the wish to
 25 make submissions on the -- I think Mr Cooper, who

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<p>1 represents a number of bereaved families would like 2 to -- before he gets to his feet can I indicate that 3 people do not need to worry about pressing any buttons 4 on the desk in front of them. There is someone who will 5 operate the microphone when any particular person gets 6 to his or her feet. 7 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Mr Cooper. 8 JOHN COOPER QC: I am grateful, sir, yes. Just one 9 observation, perhaps it's best I flag it now in 10 consideration of the court at this early stage. 11 One of the matters we are concerned about and 12 considering is what information, for instance, Ariana 13 Grande's private security or alternative security had in 14 relation to the security of the premises and whether 15 there was any interaction between what advice she and 16 her crew and her team may have been getting about the 17 security of Manchester Arena and whether there was 18 communication between them and other parties. Now, I'm 19 not suggesting at this early stage that they should 20 necessarily be made interested parties, but it's a 21 matter that is concerning us and that we're looking into 22 and we felt it better to raise it now at this very early 23 stage so that consideration could begin at least as to 24 what role, if any, those parties should take, either as 25 witnesses or potential interested parties.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 33</p>	<p>1 are entirely independent of the police and every other 2 public authority. They're a vital part of achieving 3 justice for the families of those who died and those who 4 were very seriously injured, and I will make some very 5 short submissions about that in a moment. Another 6 important aspect of ensuring justice and one for which 7 the police have responsibility, together with the Crown 8 Prosecution Service, is ensuring that a full criminal 9 investigation takes place with criminal proceedings to 10 follow where appropriate. As, sir, you have said, the 11 Crown Prosecution Service has already made a charging 12 decision in respect of one person and extradition 13 proceedings are underway with the intention that 14 a criminal trial takes place in this country. That is, 15 however, not the full extent of the criminal justice 16 response. My client's officers are, as would be 17 expected, continuing to carry out a very full and 18 thorough murder investigation. It is far from concluded 19 and evidence is still being obtained and considered by 20 the police and the Crown Prosecution Service. As 21 Mr Greaney said, and as you will understand, I cannot 22 publicly give much further information about the detail 23 of the investigation, although everything can be 24 provided, sir, to you. I can, however, give a broad 25 indication of its scale and that will be relevant to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 35</p>
<p>1 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Okay. That's helpful and no doubt again 2 it's a topic that we would wish to look into as well, so 3 no doubt some co-operation between the parties as to 4 those enquiries, so they're not all coming from 5 different directions at the same time would be of great 6 help, but thank you for raising that issue. 7 PAUL GREANEY QC: Sir, yes, we agree that's a very sensible 8 suggestion to make and we will liaise with Mr Cooper and 9 his team. 10 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you. 11 PAUL GREANEY QC: The next topic is the timing of the 12 inquest and on this topic we suggest that you might most 13 conveniently hear from Mr Johnson QC on behalf of 14 Greater Manchester Police, then from any other 15 interested person, not including the family, bereaved 16 families and finally on this topic any submission that 17 the bereaved families wish to make. 18 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you. Mr Johnson. 19 Submissions by JEREMY JOHNSON QC 20 JEREMY JOHNSON QC: Sir, I'm grateful and I'm grateful to 21 Mr Greaney. I'd like, if I may, just to say a little 22 bit about the interplay between your inquests and the 23 criminal investigation and criminal proceedings, because 24 that will feed into questions of timing. Sir, your 25 coronial investigation and the inquest that will follow</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 34</p>	<p>1 timing and it fully supports the sort of timescale that 2 your counsel indicated. Namely, without wishing to be 3 unduly pessimistic, a year or so before you're likely to 4 be in a position to set a date for oral hearings. 5 So the criminal investigation has so far secured 6 2,687 witness statements, some 14,555 exhibits, 7 including a very large number of telephones which are 8 forensically interrogated. There are 105 staff working 9 on the criminal investigation, not including the family 10 liaison officers and 23 people have been arrested. Sir, 11 my client, and the Crown Prosecution Service, are 12 anxious, as I know you are, to ensure that the criminal 13 investigation and any criminal proceedings are not 14 subject to any form of prejudice and I'm therefore very 15 grateful to you and your counsel for emphasising firstly 16 that the Contempt of Court Act is engaged and secondly 17 the importance of bearing in mind that any criminal 18 proceedings will be heard by a jury and that the 19 inquests may also be heard by a jury. 20 Sir, as you have referred to, the legislative 21 framework recognises the need to ensure that inquests do 22 not cause prejudice to criminal proceedings and that is 23 done by providing a power to suspend a coronial 24 investigation pending the outcome of a criminal 25 prosecution.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 36</p>

1 Here that power is potentially engaged under
 2 paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to the 2009 Act. My
 3 client, the Greater Manchester Police, and I know also
 4 the Crown Prosecution Service, both recognise the great
 5 public importance of ensuring that your coronial
 6 investigation is able to proceed without undue delay.
 7 They both consider that that is likely to be possible
 8 for your investigation to progress without causing any
 9 real risk of prejudice, so long as appropriate
 10 safeguards are put in place and the Crown Prosecution
 11 Service has therefore not exercised, as you have
 12 indicated, it has not exercised its statutory power to
 13 object to the continuation of your investigation.
 14 Both the Crown Prosecution Service and my client are
 15 committed to working with you, recognising the
 16 independence of each investigation, to find a way of
 17 enabling the coronial investigation to progress. That
 18 will include providing you with any and all
 19 documentation that you seek.
 20 I mentioned safeguards. Those will have to be
 21 agreed and my submissions, subject very much to your
 22 view and that of your counsel, is that, once they've
 23 been formulated in draft they could and should be
 24 submitted to all interested persons so that everyone
 25 with an interest is able to make representations on them

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1 before they are finalised and, subject to your
 2 agreement, we would envisage that being done for the
 3 next hearing.
 4 So one of the functions of an inquest is to
 5 determine who the deceased were. That doesn't mean what
 6 their names were, it means enquiring in a fuller sense
 7 into, as Mr Greaney puts it, their lives and
 8 personalities. You suggested that there should be pen
 9 portraits of the individual deceased and we would
 10 strongly support that proposal, subject always to
 11 the views of the individual families, who must of course
 12 be intimately involved in that process.
 13 My client's officers, through the family liaison
 14 officers, will be able to provide any assistance that is
 15 required.
 16 Sir, there are some submissions, very short
 17 submissions, I would wish to make on Article 2 and jury.
 18 I can either do that now shortly or sit down and come
 19 back at the appropriate time.
 20 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Could you come back at the appropriate
 21 time? Just before you sit down, I will bear in mind
 22 your submissions about the memorandum being circulated
 23 to interested parties for agreement. I am concerned
 24 actually to get going.
 25 JEREMY JOHNSON QC: Yes.

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1 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: There doesn't seem to be any objection
 2 in principle from the Crown Prosecution Service to
 3 having such a memorandum. I think they're in fairly
 4 standard forms so whether it's actually necessary to
 5 circulate amongst interested parties, clearly the
 6 Greater Manchester Police will have an input into it via
 7 the Crown Prosecution Service, and I will hear from
 8 other interested parties whether they actually want to
 9 see it beforehand, I don't really want to delay the
 10 process if I can avoid that.
 11 JEREMY JOHNSON QC: Sir, certainly I am not suggesting this
 12 as something that would cause delay. It wouldn't
 13 because I envisaged that very swiftly, as something to
 14 be agreed in principle and disclosure could start very
 15 swiftly. It's just that -- and different inquests and
 16 public enquiries have taken different views of this. If
 17 it were something that you thought appropriate to have
 18 submissions on them, that could be done at a later
 19 stage, but that needn't delay the process starting.
 20 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Yes. Thank you very much. Right other
 21 interested parties other than the families next.
 22 Anybody want to say anything about the requirement for
 23 any memorandum to be circulated for comments from
 24 interested parties?
 25 PAUL GREANEY QC: Mr Howe I think would like to --

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1 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Mr Howe. (Pause)
 2 PAUL GREANEY QC: Mr Howe has raised an entirely
 3 understandable question or request, namely that he and
 4 everyone be provided with more information about the 23
 5 other persons who have been arrested. But I know that
 6 Mr Howe will bear in mind that Mr Johnson has provided
 7 as much information as he feels he is able to provide
 8 without taking the risk of prejudicing any future
 9 criminal prosecution and of course Mr Johnson will speak
 10 for himself, but I think that's likely to be his
 11 position.
 12 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Well, I don't think I'm going to ask
 13 Mr Johnson to comment on that publicly. I think
 14 anything like that, Mr Howe, will need to be dealt with
 15 privately by the police. You've got a family liaison
 16 officer here and no doubt some communication could take
 17 place. If it's not possible, as I think it may not be,
 18 but you'll have to hear, then the reasons for that can
 19 be explained to you in a rather easier setting than
 20 here. So unless you particularly want to say something,
 21 Mr Johnson, I think it may be better if a private
 22 conversation take place.
 23 JEREMY JOHNSON QC: That's exactly what I was going to
 24 suggest.
 25 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Is that alright, Mr Howe? Someone will

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1 speak to you.
 2 PAUL GREANEY QC: We will speak directly to Mr Howe once
 3 this hearing is over. We may be able to assist him to
 4 some extent at least.
 5 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you very much. Any other
 6 interested parties coming to this late want to see this
 7 memorandum or are you happy to leave us to decide
 8 whether you see it? Okay. Silence means consent.
 9 PAUL GREANEY QC: Sir, as you said the important thing is
 10 that there should be no delay to the process of
 11 disclosure to you and the memorandum will be in
 12 an entirely conventional form.
 13 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Those representing the families, have
 14 they anything to say on this particular topic? Can I
 15 say --I'm so sorry.
 16 MS MORRIS: Thank you, sir. I am Ms Morris. I appear
 17 alongside Mr Weatherby QC, leading counsel for the
 18 family of Saffie-Rose Roussos.
 19 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Yes, thank you.
 20 MS MORRIS: We have provided you I hope with what are useful
 21 and succinct submissions --
 22 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: You have, and thank you.
 23 MS MORRIS: -- on behalf of our clients on each of the
 24 topics on your agenda. Just on the matter of timings of
 25 the inquests may I just say, as I hope it's clear from

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1 our written submissions, we very much urge meaningful
 2 coronial progress with your investigation, given that we
 3 are now 18 months after the tragic events of 22 May
 4 2017, and I'm very grateful for the update from
 5 Mr Johnson QC but our concern is that despite the scale
 6 of the investigation and the arrest of 23 individuals,
 7 there is one set of charges pending against somebody
 8 whose extradition has no clear time frame and so we are
 9 grateful that the coronial investigation is now going
 10 to, we hope, make meaningful progress and take matters
 11 forward, and that's all I wish to say on the matter of
 12 the timing of the inquest.
 13 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you. I think some of the
 14 explanation for what hasn't happened up till now may be
 15 given but, having heard Mr Johnson about the police
 16 investigation going on. The investigation will
 17 progress, subject to the agreement which I have no doubt
 18 we will manage to reach. We will also not be waiting
 19 I think as long as Mr Johnson to try to fix a time,
 20 because it's obviously important that we fix a time of
 21 the inquest to start. That will of course be subject to
 22 any ongoing proceedings which may affect that, but
 23 clearly from everyone's point of view here the sooner we
 24 can give you a date and stick to it the better for
 25 everybody, which we will try to do. So as soon as we

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1 feel able to fix a date we will do that. But in the
 2 meantime we will progress matters as speedily as we can.
 3 Obviously we do understand the concerns that there are.
 4 If worst comes to the worst, as I'm sure it won't, but I
 5 do have, in exceptional cases I can direct that the
 6 coronial investigation goes on, but it would need be to
 7 be a very exceptional case indeed which might result in
 8 some sort of prejudice to a criminal investigation or
 9 trial. But thank you for that.
 10 Any submissions on behalf of the families? Thank
 11 you.
 12 PAUL GREANEY QC: So we'll move on to the next topic, which
 13 is the issue of disclosure. The issue of disclosure
 14 which in effect we've covered to some extent already and
 15 we would submit that the appropriate order for you to
 16 receive submissions in would be first of all from any
 17 representative of the bereaved families that wish to
 18 address you on disclosure, followed by any other
 19 interested person who wishes to make submissions.
 20 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: The topics to make submissions on are
 21 first of all how dealing with the post mortem reports,
 22 whether what is being proposed is satisfactory to the
 23 families and we believe to be workable and, secondly,
 24 which everyone can address, the issue of signing a
 25 confidentiality agreement, whether anybody sees any

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1 difficulty with that and then anything else about
 2 disclosure.
 3 So first of all any representations from members of
 4 the families?
 5 JOHN COOPER QC: If I may, sir, as far as the general regime
 6 for disclosure's concerned, we've no observations and
 7 see it as a sensible way forward. Again, as far as
 8 confidentiality is concerned, it's not an unusual
 9 request in matters such as these and again we see no
 10 difficulty, providing it's a reasonable clause, as it
 11 were, of confidentiality, and in the normal format, we
 12 have no problems with that.
 13 Maybe just make one observation generally on
 14 disclosure, and I know from my learned friend and I know
 15 from briefly speaking with him we can rely on this: as
 16 time goes on, there will be suggestions, submissions
 17 that we will wish to make upon disclosure and disclosure
 18 may or may not be become an area requiring argument. So
 19 perhaps there could be a facility and a process in place
 20 in between formal pre-inquest hearings for us to resolve
 21 our differences on disclosure, if they indeed will
 22 exist, without having to trouble you with hearings on
 23 the matter. Perhaps a process could be put in place
 24 where that could be resolved as simply and expeditiously
 25 should, at a later stage, that become necessary.

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1 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: No, that's helpful. Clearly
 2 communication will first of all be between your team and
 3 the inquest team or anybody who wants to make that. If
 4 it's something which needs resolution, you can make
 5 a decision amongst yourselves whether that's something
 6 that can be done on paper.
 7 JOHN COOPER QC: Yes.
 8 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: In which case I will make a paper ruling
 9 and again, I will have to rely on counsel to decide
 10 whether or not it does require an oral hearing and, if
 11 it does, we can set one up, if necessary making use of
 12 video link facilities and matters such as that,
 13 depending on who needs to be involved on that.
 14 JOHN COOPER QC: That's helpful as a strategy going forward,
 15 thank you.
 16 MS ORGAN: Just some submissions in relation to the eye
 17 witness accounts. We welcome the fact that disclosure
 18 will be made as soon as possible and progress will be
 19 being made. We request that consideration is given to
 20 eye witness accounts being given priority in terms of
 21 disclosure and that members of the bereaved families
 22 have access to them as soon as is possible.
 23 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Certainly. Those are matters which will
 24 need to be -- because they may be relevant to any trial
 25 and may be used in any trial. That of course would be

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1 subject to the police having no objections or some
 2 edition of them being made which can be made available.
 3 But, yes, certainly. We will let you have whatever we
 4 can as soon as we can when it's all been approved.
 5 MS ORGAN: We're very grateful.
 6 PAUL GREANEY QC: So, sir, unless there are further
 7 submissions, I believe the only directions that you need
 8 to make are that there should be disclosure of the post
 9 mortem reports and of the victim personal statements
 10 relating to each deceased to the family of that
 11 deceased, in the way in which I've described and,
 12 secondly, that there should be confidentiality
 13 agreements signed prior to that disclosure being made.
 14 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Prior to any disclosure being made, yes,
 15 I absolutely -- they seem sensible directions, thank
 16 you.
 17 PAUL GREANEY QC: And I know that Mr Suter will be sending
 18 out the confidentiality documents, the confidentiality
 19 undertakings within the next few days.
 20 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you.
 21 PAUL GREANEY QC: The next issue is scope and again we
 22 suggest that you might most conveniently receive
 23 submissions first of all on behalf of the families and
 24 secondly on behalf of anyone else, if anyone has any
 25 submissions on that issue at this stage.

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1 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Mr Cooper.
 2 JOHN COOPER QC: Again, sir, I'm conscious that we've got
 3 a timescale to do this and we'll articulate it more
 4 formally at a later stage, but can I perhaps give the
 5 court some indication as to the way we're thinking on
 6 scope as a preliminary, as it were, to be developed and
 7 we submit perhaps there are four substantive sections as
 8 far as scope is concerned.
 9 The first we've roughly categorised as background of
 10 the attack, which includes the personal history of the
 11 killer, what the authorities knew of him, his planning
 12 and his preparations and any association with other
 13 extremists, his dealings with others and movements in
 14 the period leading up to the attack. That's our first
 15 substantive preliminary observation on scope.
 16 Secondly, the sequence of events. Thirdly, the care
 17 and treatment given to victims, including so far as it
 18 is within scope, those who survived, because it may well
 19 inform you, sir, as to the general quality of care and
 20 treatment given, and I should indicate now, as I'm on my
 21 feet, I know as far as certainly some of those
 22 I represent there are people in court today who were
 23 very close to this atrocity and very close indeed to
 24 those who died. And fourthly, of course, security
 25 arrangements, which include, as we've touched upon, the

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1 co-operation and communication with different sections,
 2 either of private security or domestic security. We'll
 3 develop them in due course, but I know we have been
 4 given until 18 January to do so, but we've already given
 5 some forethought.
 6 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: No, no, this is very helpful. Of course
 7 you will bear in mind that it may well be that if
 8 a criminal trial takes place, certainly some of the
 9 matters you've talked about will all have been
 10 ventilated in the criminal trial, but certainly they are
 11 matters that we will consider as to scope and many of
 12 them covers the same ground as Mr Greaney but in
 13 a slightly different emphasis.
 14 JOHN COOPER QC: Thank you.
 15 PAUL GREANEY QC: We agree with those remarks and don't have
 16 any to add.
 17 THE CHAIRMAN: Anybody want to say anything else at this
 18 stage about scope?
 19 PAUL GREANEY QC: Well, then, sir, we don't believe you need
 20 to make any directions under this heading and we'll move
 21 to the next topic, which is the engagement of Article 2
 22 of the Convention. Mr Johnson's told us already that he
 23 does have some submissions to make on that topic and it
 24 might be useful to hear from him first, then from any
 25 other interested person, not including the families, and

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<p>1 then from the families.</p> <p>2 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you very much. Mr Johnson.</p> <p>3 JEREMY JOHNSON QC: Sir, Mr Greaney, I think you, sir, have</p> <p>4 expressed the provisional view that Article 2 is likely</p> <p>5 to be engaged and we certainly don't quarrel with that.</p> <p>6 The practical consequence is that it will require an</p> <p>7 investigation not just into the immediate cause of each</p> <p>8 death but an enquiry into the broader circumstances and</p> <p>9 that may well include the sorts of matters that</p> <p>10 Mr Cooper alluded to, including the emergency response</p> <p>11 on the night and it may will include an investigation</p> <p>12 into whether steps could have been taken to avert the</p> <p>13 offence.</p> <p>14 Those will all be matters for your judgment in due</p> <p>15 course as to the appropriate scope of the inquests in</p> <p>16 the light of any ruling you make on Article 2, and in</p> <p>17 exercising that judgment you're entitled to take account</p> <p>18 of matters such as the importance of confirming or</p> <p>19 allaying public rumour and suspicion.</p> <p>20 So in short, subject very much to the views of the</p> <p>21 families who died, who must, as Mr Greaney has said, be</p> <p>22 at the heart of the inquests, my client will in</p> <p>23 principle support and welcome a broad and intensive</p> <p>24 investigation into all those matters that you in your</p> <p>25 independent judgment consider should appropriately fall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 49</p>	<p>1 a preliminary basis and subject to any further</p> <p>2 representations that might be made in the light of</p> <p>3 fuller disclosure.</p> <p>4 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you. Representations from the</p> <p>5 families?</p> <p>6 MS WEBSTER: Sir, on behalf of Georgina Callendar's family,</p> <p>7 clearly these matters need to be looked into and</p> <p>8 submissions need to be make at the appropriate point,</p> <p>9 but as an indication at this point, certainly the</p> <p>10 families are very keen that this proceeds as an Article</p> <p>11 2 inquest.</p> <p>12 Sir, on behalf of Saffie Rose's family, we</p> <p>13 respectfully agree with your preliminary view and that</p> <p>14 of counsel to the inquest that these inquests will</p> <p>15 arguably engage Article 2 of the European Convention.</p> <p>16 JOHN COOPER QC: We agree.</p> <p>17 MS ORGAN: We agree.</p> <p>18 MS MORRIS: As do we.</p> <p>19 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you very much. There do not</p> <p>20 appear to be practical consequences of whether I make</p> <p>21 a ruling on this at an earlier rather than a later</p> <p>22 stage, or no one has brought them to my attention at the</p> <p>23 moment. So it's clearly a matter that we need to look</p> <p>24 at more carefully after there's been disclosure of</p> <p>25 documents and certainly until I've seen them.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 51</p>
<p>1 within the scope of the inquests. There is though, as</p> <p>2 you mentioned a moment ago, potentially a degree of</p> <p>3 overlap between some of the matters which will fall</p> <p>4 within scope and the scope of the criminal investigation</p> <p>5 and that's precisely why we need to engage in the</p> <p>6 process to ensure that the coronial investigation can</p> <p>7 proceed as rapidly as possible and the families and all</p> <p>8 interested persons can be given as much disclosure as</p> <p>9 possible but that it's done in a way that doesn't cause</p> <p>10 any risk of prejudice.</p> <p>11 In relation to the question of Article 2, as I say</p> <p>12 I don't quarrel with the proposition that it's likely to</p> <p>13 be engaged. Certainly we would submit that one should</p> <p>14 proceed on the assumption that it will be engaged,</p> <p>15 because it's much easier to narrow an investigation than</p> <p>16 to broaden it, and that questions of disclosure,</p> <p>17 including disclosure to you, should be made on the</p> <p>18 assumption that it is engaged. But we respectfully</p> <p>19 submit that final decisions as to Article 2 and scope</p> <p>20 should only be made once all interested persons have</p> <p>21 been provided with the disclosure they would need to</p> <p>22 make fully informed submissions. We see no difficulty</p> <p>23 at all with there being discussion of the topic at the</p> <p>24 forthcoming hearing in February, if that's when it's</p> <p>25 set, so long as it's recognised that that's on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 50</p>	<p>1 PAUL GREANEY QC: Certainly once some disclosure has been</p> <p>2 given, but we're confident, sir, that you will be able</p> <p>3 to make a decision about the engagement of Article 2</p> <p>4 before all disclosure has been given.</p> <p>5 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Okay. Thank you very much.</p> <p>6 Can you just hold on for one minute.</p> <p>7 PAUL GREANEY QC: Sir, the next topic -- we don't believe</p> <p>8 you need to make any direction in respect of Article 2,</p> <p>9 for the reasons, sir, you've just given. The next topic</p> <p>10 is is a jury required. Again, we know that Mr Johnson</p> <p>11 has some submissions to make on that topic and it may be</p> <p>12 sensible once more to hear from him first followed by</p> <p>13 any submissions from any interested person, not the</p> <p>14 families and then finally from the families.</p> <p>15 JEREMY JOHNSON QC: Sir, well, as with the Article 2</p> <p>16 question, we would respectfully submit that a final</p> <p>17 decision on mode of trial should only be made once all</p> <p>18 interested persons have had certainly a significant</p> <p>19 amount of disclosure and are able to make informed</p> <p>20 submissions and we don't think it's likely to make any</p> <p>21 practical difference at this stage to your</p> <p>22 investigation. So it's a matter that doesn't need to be</p> <p>23 decided now.</p> <p>24 One factor that we submit will need to be considered</p> <p>25 in due course is the practical limitation that having</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 52</p>

1 a hearing with a jury may have on the material that
 2 could be considered by the inquests, particularly if the
 3 inquests enquire into what was known about the offender
 4 in advance of 22 May. That was a matter that was
 5 considered in detail in another context by Dame Heather
 6 Hallett in the 7/7 inquest and we respectfully submit
 7 that her judgment on that issue repays careful reading.
 8 I'm not making a submission now as to whether there
 9 should or shouldn't be a jury but it's a matter that
 10 will have been to considered in due course and that was
 11 one factor that will need to be thought through.
 12 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Is her decision on that reported?
 13 MS MORRIS: It's online, yes.
 14 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Online. I will make sure I've read
 15 that.
 16 Any other of the interested parties apart from the
 17 families? Right. Anyone want to say anything about
 18 this at this stage on behalf of the families?
 19 JOHN COOPER QC: Simply to say we agree with the submissions
 20 made, it's premature to come to a substantive decision
 21 on this.
 22 PAUL GREANEY QC: We agree as well and therefore no
 23 direction, sir, is needed under this heading.
 24 The next topic therefore is pen portraits.
 25 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Just before you proceed on that,

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1 Mr Greaney, can I just make sure, I will obviously
 2 welcome it, welcome pen portraits, would welcome knowing
 3 more about those who died, but I want to make it
 4 absolutely clear, as you did, there must be no pressure
 5 on any of the families to feel they've got to do it or
 6 do it in any particular way. It's a matter entirely for
 7 each individual family how, if they want to do it and
 8 how they want to do.
 9 PAUL GREANEY QC: Sir, we agree entirely, as we made plain
 10 in our opening remarks.
 11 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you.
 12 PAUL GREANEY QC: So, sir, it may be appropriate to hear any
 13 submissions that any interested person has on this topic
 14 apart from the families first and then to hear from the
 15 families second.
 16 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: We already heard from Mr Johnson about
 17 it. Anyone else, interested party? Right. Families,
 18 do you want to say anything about that?
 19 JOHN COOPER QC: No.
 20 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: So I hope it's all understood the basis
 21 on which this is being suggested.
 22 PAUL GREANEY QC: Sir, it sounds as if no one will want to
 23 make submissions in writing in relation to the proposed
 24 course but if any interested person decides that they
 25 wish to oppose that course, or it wishes to oppose that

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1 course, we would invite you to direct that those
 2 submissions should be made in writing by 4.00 pm on
 3 Friday, 18 January next year.
 4 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you.
 5 PAUL GREANEY QC: Next topic, expert evidence and, again, we
 6 submit that you might most usefully hear first of all
 7 from the interested persons, apart from the families and
 8 secondly from the bereaved families, if there are
 9 submissions.
 10 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: All I will say about this, as with as
 11 any expert evidence, I do understand it's too early at
 12 the moment for people to make definite decisions about
 13 experts and who they want. All I want to ensure please
 14 is that everyone's serving their expert evidence well
 15 before any hearings take place to allow any other expert
 16 who's dealing with it to consider that and, as far as
 17 possible, we can timetable some sort of agreement
 18 between experts so that there can be an agreed report,
 19 so we can deal with it in a sensible way. So think
 20 about it early rather than later, please.
 21 PAUL GREANEY QC: Indeed, sir, and one of the reasons why it
 22 was thought sensible that bereaved families should
 23 receive the post mortem reports as soon as possible was
 24 so that they consider at an early stage whether they
 25 required expert evidence dealing with that particular

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1 topic.
 2 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Thank you. Mr Cooper.
 3 JOHN COOPER QC: On the subject of experts, putting the post
 4 mortem reports to one side, would there be a facility
 5 perhaps for us to liaise with my learned friend as to
 6 the identity, perhaps, of certain experts being
 7 instructed? It --
 8 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: No --
 9 JOHN COOPER QC: I've seen it done in the past, we've seen
 10 curriculum vitae of proposed experts.
 11 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: That's very sensible. Once the inquest
 12 team have reserved the services of somebody we will make
 13 sure that everyone is circulated as to the identity of
 14 that person and a CV if relevant.
 15 JOHN COOPER QC: And sometimes, sir, it's a matter for you,
 16 or my learned friend, there are two or three experts
 17 posited for us to discuss, so that perhaps the expert
 18 aligned upon at the end is one that everyone is
 19 comfortable with. Perhaps a procedure could be
 20 undertaken to that effect. I'm in your hands.
 21 PAUL GREANEY QC: Well, sir, there's certainly no problem
 22 with the circulating the identity of the experts that is
 23 proposed to be instruct and we will ensure that is done.
 24 JOHN COOPER QC: I'm not sure whether the other suggestion
 25 made is whether we as the families are given an input

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1 into the expert. I don't know whether my learned friend
 2 is agreeing with that or not.
 3 PAUL GREANEY QC: That is something I think we would need to
 4 think about and reflect on and I wouldn't propose to
 5 express a definitive view on that today.
 6 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Mr Cooper, it may be, just seeking
 7 something of a compromise, that when you get the
 8 proposed identity of an expert, if there are good
 9 reasons for the family saying that person is not
 10 appropriate for one reason or another, then you can make
 11 those representations and the inquest team of course
 12 will consider them.
 13 JOHN COOPER QC: That's sensible. Thank you.
 14 PAUL GREANEY QC: Thank you, Mr Cooper.
 15 The next topic is witnesses. Again, we recognise
 16 that it's very early for any interested person to be
 17 expressing any view about witnesses but if any
 18 interested person did wish to make submissions, we
 19 suggest they should be made in the order that we
 20 identified in relation to the expert evidence.
 21 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Right. Thank you.
 22 PAUL GREANEY QC: And no one seems to be indicating a wish
 23 to make any submissions.
 24 Sir, the next topic is location for the inquest
 25 hearing.

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1 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Right. Now you have indicated we can't
 2 say at the moment where except Manchester. Does anybody
 3 want to say anything about the location being in
 4 Manchester? No. Okay. If there are -- particularly on
 5 behalf of some members of the family, who may find it
 6 difficult to be in Manchester, if there are any
 7 proposals or suggestions made about a live feed or
 8 something like that, then obviously we'll consider them,
 9 but in practice they might be quite difficult, it seems.
 10 But obviously any suggestions will be welcomed.
 11 PAUL GREANEY QC: Well, sir, that is certainly our
 12 provisional view, but it is very much a provisional view
 13 and we will certainly be liaising with the families and
 14 the other interested persons to see whether there is
 15 some convenient location to which we can live stream the
 16 proceedings.
 17 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Does anybody want to say anything about
 18 that at this stage? No? Thank you.
 19 PAUL GREANEY QC: Sir, next then is the issue of reporting,
 20 but which we suggest nothing really much can be said --
 21 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: No.
 22 PAUL GREANEY QC: -- and I can't see anyone indicating that
 23 they wish to make submissions.
 24 Therefore we move to the timetable for submissions
 25 by interested persons. We've largely dealt with this as

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1 we've gone along but for the avoidance of doubt we would
 2 invite you, sir, to direct any applications for
 3 interested person status by 4.00 pm on Friday
 4 16 November and any submissions by interested persons on
 5 any of the following topics by 4.00 pm on Friday
 6 18 January next year. Those topics being one,
 7 engagement of Article 2, two, the need for a jury and
 8 three, as we've submitted already, the pen portraits.
 9 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Right. I make those directions.
 10 PAUL GREANEY QC: Thank you, sir.
 11 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Before we move to the last topic, which
 12 is the next hearing, and where, can I invite anybody
 13 else who has any submissions to make at this stage if
 14 they want to say anything on any topic. Mr Cooper.
 15 JOHN COOPER QC: Yes, two if I may. One that has been
 16 raised and one we would like to raise, though the later
 17 may be very premature. My learned friend has made
 18 observations about security during the course of the
 19 oral hearings. This is a matter which I'm sure concerns
 20 us all, but particularly concerns those I represent.
 21 There is reason to believe, if only on public formats,
 22 that threats have been made and we are very anxious
 23 indeed to be reassured, as we have been, from my learned
 24 friend that the security of the oral hearings are being
 25 dealt with at the highest possible level and we can only

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1 emphasise that we support that and would certainly
 2 require it.
 3 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Just before we move on from that, can
 4 you make sure that any threats of which you are aware
 5 are conveyed to the police, who will obviously be the
 6 people who are actually responsible for security --
 7 JOHN COOPER QC: Yes.
 8 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: -- and I will make a note to Mr Johnson
 9 so he can pass them on.
 10 JOHN COOPER QC: I will do so. I've deliberately not
 11 articulated them now, but I can speak to my learned
 12 friend if he's not aware and do so.
 13 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Right.
 14 JOHN COOPER QC: The only other matter was this, and I flag
 15 it as being perhaps very premature. In due course the
 16 court will no doubt be assisted by a site visit and
 17 that, we submit, should be at some stage at future
 18 hearings on the agenda so that we can understand how
 19 it's going to be facilitated.
 20 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Right. I am going to be looking at,
 21 I hope, documentation which will be emerging fairly
 22 soon. It will probably help me in order to properly
 23 appreciate that to have gone on a site visit with my
 24 team. It may be that we will have a more formal site
 25 visit at a later stage when anybody who wishes to can

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<p>1 come along and deal with that. Would there be any 2 objection from anybody to me, assisted by my solicitors 3 and counsel, going before that on my own? This is 4 partially practical experience that when you have a site 5 visit before a criminal trial starts you almost 6 inevitably have to go back halfway through because you 7 suddenly realise things are significant. So, yes, we 8 will have a formal site view at which all 9 representatives can come, if they wish, but before that 10 I would propose to have a more informal one unless you 11 have any difficulty with that. 12 JOHN COOPER QC: Absolutely not. We will encourage it as 13 far as we are concerned. What we would ask for, and 14 again sometimes this is done during the coronial 15 process, is that a site visit will be arranged for all 16 interested persons, I speak obviously on behalf of some 17 bereaved families, before the oral hearing takes place. 18 In fact, may I say well before it takes place to assist 19 those who instruct me and indeed myself to see the site, 20 to be assisted by our lay clients, so far as they can 21 assist us, and focuses on issues before the oral hearing 22 starts. 23 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: It seems very sensible. 24 ANDREW O'CONNOR QC: Sir, may I just rise. I act for SMG 25 who run the Arena. We will do everything we can to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 61</p>	<p>1 we've had and we will move this inquest forward in 2 a co-operative way, which is undoubtedly the best way of 3 reaching the truth about matters and I look forward to 4 the next hearing. Thank you. 5 (12.10 pm) 6 (Hearing concluded) 7 8 Introductory Remarks1 9 10 Introductory remarks by Counsel to6 11 the Inquest 12 Submissions by JEREMY JOHNSON QC34 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 63</p>
<p>1 facilitate any type of site visit whether for you on a 2 more informal basis or later for other parties as we go 3 through this process. 4 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: I'm grateful and you will certainly be 5 hearing from us. Does anyone want to say anything about 6 those topics that have been raised? 7 PAUL GREANEY QC: I'll say that on the issue of security, 8 the concerns of Mr Cooper's clients were raised with us 9 in general terms. As a result I was able to speak to 10 Mr Johnson, as a result he was able to take instructions 11 and that resulted in the assurance I was able to give to 12 all interested persons today. And on the issue of site 13 visit we're very grateful for the submissions of 14 everyone and for the acknowledgement that, sir, you and 15 your team should be permitted to visit the site sooner 16 than later. 17 That leads therefore to the final topic on the 18 agenda, namely the date for the next pre-inquest review 19 hearing. We dare say people will not have submissions 20 on this. The date is 28 February next year and the time 21 will be 10.30 and the venue will be here. 22 SIR JOHN SAUNDERS: Right. Thank you. Anybody else want to 23 say anything about that? 24 Right. I am very grateful to everybody who's 25 attended. I'm grateful for the representations that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 62</p>	

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