

### **Ruling on Filming at the Inquiry**

There shall be no further filming at the Inquiry other than by Official, National or local Broadcasters.

The reason behind this ruling is that the question of filming has disrupted the smooth running of the Inquiry due to the following factors:

- 1) Valuable Inquiry time being taken to discuss and manage it.
- 2) The number of requests for filming becoming increasingly difficult and time consuming to manage, given that there could be a perception of bias or discrimination.
- 3) The offer of Council Officer assistance to speed up the giving of evidence by witness being jeopardised by filming those that have not consented to being filmed.
- 4) The problems with managing/determining those who have or have not been given permission to film individual witnesses.
- 5) The perceived right to film by others who do not have official permission.
- 6) The absence of any demonstrated significant benefit to the public from filming over audio recording.

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