

Recognised Legal Representatives Ruling 7

1. Carolyn Wilson and Reclaim the Streets are core participants in the Inquiry in category [L] social and environmental activists.¹ At the oral hearing on the subject of designation of recognised legal representatives, held on 4 November 2015, Mike Schwarz of Bindmans explained that although he represented several of the core participants in category [L] at that time he had no instructions to represent Ms Wilson or Reclaim the Streets.²
2. However, on 18 April 2016 Mr Schwarz made applications on behalf of Ms Wilson and Reclaim the Streets that he be designated their recognised legal representative. Mr Schwarz is already designated as recognised legal representative for Jacqueline Sheedy, Matt Salusbury, Robert Banbury³ and Alex Hodson⁴ in their capacity as members or former members of Reclaim the Streets.
3. Rules 6 and 7 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 require me to designate as a recognised legal representative in the Inquiry a qualified lawyer appointed to act on behalf of a core participant, unless the core participant has an interest in the Inquiry or relies on facts in common with other core participants. In the latter case, if it is fair and proper that the core participants should be jointly represented, I must direct that they are jointly represented.
4. Ms Wilson and Reclaim the Streets will rely on facts the same as or similar to those that will be relied on in the Inquiry by those already represented by Mr Schwarz and they all have a similar interest in the outcome of the Inquiry. I shall therefore designate Mike Schwarz as the recognised legal representative of Carolyn Wilson and Reclaim the Streets. I shall consider their applications for public funding in a separate ruling.

25 May 2016

Sir Christopher Pitchford
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry

¹ See Core Participants Ruling (1) of 21 October 2015, paragraphs 115 and 122

² See Recognised Legal Representatives Ruling (1) of 9 November 2015, paragraph 30

³ See Recognised Legal Representatives Ruling (1) of 9 November 2015, paragraph 29

⁴ See Recognised Legal Representative Ruling (3) of 27 January 2016, paragraph 7