



Tribunals Service
Information Rights

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPEAL TO THE FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL

Appeal No: EA/2010/0069, 0076 & 0079

BETWEEN:

FISH LEGAL, EMILY SHIRLEY, & STEPHEN REEVE

Appellant

and

THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Respondent

DIRECTIONS

FOLLOWING the Upper Tribunal decision in *Smartsource Drainage & Water Reports Ltd v Information Commissioner & Others* :

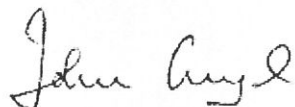
IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. For the purposes of these directions the three appeals will be dealt with together.
2. The stay instituted in the Directions dated 14 May 2010 be lifted.
3. Unless any party provides to the Tribunal within 7 calendar days of the date of this order a written objection, there will be a preliminary hearing to deal with the management of the cases, to make directions for the final disposal of this matter, on 7th February 2011.
4. At the preliminary hearing the Respondent will be given the opportunity to apply for the appeals to be struck out at this stage of the proceedings on the basis that there is no reasonable prospect of the Appellants' cases succeeding. The Appellants will be given the opportunity to oppose such application.
5. If such an application is to be made the Respondent shall serve on the Appellants and the Tribunal his written submissions as to why the appeals should be struck out at least 14 days before the hearing. The Appellants shall serve any reply on the Respondent and Tribunal at least 7 days before the hearing.
6. On the basis the appeals proceed to a full hearing the parties are to use their best endeavours to agree directions in advance of the preliminary hearing choosing such parts as appropriate from the Possible Directions set out below, together with such other directions as are appropriate to the cases for example whether the appeals should be heard together. The parties should agree a timetable that will aim to result in a final hearing within a three month period ending on 30 April 2011.
7. Three working days before the preliminary hearing the Respondent shall provide a copy of the draft directions by e-mail to the Tribunal and to the other parties by

email (if applicable) and in hard copy, stating which items are agreed and which, if any, are not agreed.

Note: The parties should refer to the Practice Notes attached or available at:
<http://www.informationtribunal.gov.uk/formsguidance.htm>

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Angel', written in a cursive style.

Professor John Angel
Principal Judge

Dated: 9th December 2010