In the matter of the

Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry

Rule 9

Witness Statement

Daniel Anketell-Jones

Introduction

1. By letter dated 22nd January 2019, I have been asked to provide a written witness statement under Rule 9 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 addressing a number of issues set out in that letter.

2. I have been assisted in producing this statement by the legal representatives of Harley Facades Limited, on behalf of the Public Inquiry.

Email Material

3. As set out in my first statement I left the of employment of Harley Facades Limited (‘Harley Facades’) in March 2016. Prior to my leaving, it was agreed with the Managing Director, Ray Bailey, that I could keep my work laptop. To ensure I did not retain any Harley information, it was agreed that I would delete it all from the laptop. This included for example, access to the server, all Harley emails, documents and design drawings. Accordingly, on my last day of employment at the end of March 2016, I deleted any and all Harley information. I did this by deleting all the emails out of outlook, deleting the ‘.ost’ file from my user, deleting all company files off the laptop and then asking an I.T. company to separate my user profile and laptop from accessing the server. I believed at the time that whilst Harley information would be wiped from the laptop, it would be retained on the company’s server.

4. I was subsequently made aware that when the Public Inquiry asked for disclosure of all historical emails, Mark Stapley at Harley discovered that my emails had been deleted from the company server. I cannot assist with how or why this occurred.
5. Once this was discovered I was asked by Harley to take my laptop to Compatibility Ltd to see if they could recover the material. As far as I am aware they were unable to recover any material. I left the laptop with Compatibility Ltd for a few days while they scanned it, when I picked it up they said they hadn’t found anything on it. I am happy to provide the laptop for another look, however I do use it for work so would need it returned as soon as possible.

6. The material that was deleted would have related to all the Harley projects I had worked on during my time at the company including for the Grenfell Tower refurbishment project. This would have included emails, documents, design drawings, calculations. This would have mainly been emails, as most of the working information was kept on the server. Most of the information on the laptop would probably have related to 10 Trinity Square as I spent a lot of time working from site where access to the server wasn’t as easy, so I would have kept offline files on the laptop for easy access. I doubt there would have been any files relating to Grenfell as these would have been on the server.

I believe that the facts I have stated in this witness statement are true, and I am willing for this statement to form part of the evidence before the Public Inquiry and to be published on the Public Inquiry’s website

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