

## **RESTRICTION ORDERS PURSUANT TO**

### **SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005**

On 15 June 2017 the Prime Minister announced that there would be a public inquiry into the fire at Grenfell Tower on the night of 14 June 2017. The present Inquiry was formally set up on 15 August 2017 under the Inquiries Act 2005 (“the Act”).

The Inquiry’s proceedings are conducted in public. In order to fulfil its terms of reference the Inquiry has obtained documents and other evidence from a wide range of persons and bodies. The Chairman has an obligation under section 18 of the Act to take such steps as he considers reasonable to secure that members of the public (including reporters) are able to view documents and evidence provided to the inquiry, but that is subject to the power contained in section 19 to make restriction orders limiting the disclosure or publication of documents or other evidence. A breach or threatened breach of a restriction order may be certified to the High Court under section 36 of the Act, which may deal with it as though the breach had occurred in proceedings before it.

During the course of the Inquiry, the Chairman has made a number of restriction orders under section 19. A list of those orders is set out below. The reasons for making the orders vary; in each case they are set out in the order itself.

Copies of individual restriction orders may be obtained on application by email to the Solicitor to the Inquiry at [solicitor@grenfelltowerinquiry.org.uk](mailto:solicitor@grenfelltowerinquiry.org.uk), except in those cases where the Chairman considers that to provide a copy of the order would undermine the purpose for which it was made.