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Message from Catherine Nalty, Deputy Secretary to the Inquiry

The Inquiry moved to Aldwych House a few weeks ago and has been busy getting everything ready for the next set of hearings. We had to move because the City of London is demolishing the previous building, Fleetbank House, but I hope the photos show that the public spaces feel the same.

Inquiry premises at Aldwych House

The areas used for hearings and the Inquiry's office space are on the fifth floor. This view of the new hearing room from behind the Chair's desk shows that we have continued the previous layout with the witness in the middle and participants occupying the main part of the room.



New hearing room at Aldwych House

The memorial is in a large lounge area where refreshments will be served. There is also a large cloakroom so we will continue to be able to look after bags.



The Inquiry's memorial and lounge space

This photo with the familiar mural of UK capitals is the screening lounge which will also be used as an area for lunch and other breaks. The quiet room is at the back of this lounge, and a number of legal rooms are on a corridor at one end.



New screening area at Aldwych House

What is a Core Participant

One of the regular questions to the Inquiry team is about core participants. The first thing to say is that it is not necessary to be a core participant to take an active part in the Inquiry. Everyone who was infected and/or affected is invited to provide a witness statement, or talk to an intermediary. There is no difference in value between the evidence of a core participant and any other participant. Everyone can attend a hearing, or an Inquiry meeting, and the Inquiry team will always be available to answer questions about how the Inquiry is carrying out its work.

A core participant can also engage with the Inquiry in some additional ways: receive documents from the Inquiry subject to a confidentiality undertaking, make a statement through their legal representative at the Inquiry's opening and closing hearings, suggest questions for witnesses through their legal representative for Counsel to the Inquiry to consider at oral hearings. Unrepresented core participants are supported by the Inquiry team.

The Chair of the Inquiry decides on who will be a core participant with regard to the Inquiry Rules 2006. Applications to be a core participant are examined individually in line with the Inquiry's statement of approach.

Any recommendations made by Sir Brian in his final report will apply to everyone affected by the issues investigated by the Inquiry. Being a participant or core participant in the Inquiry will not make any difference to this.

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