

INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF DAWN STURGESS

SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

FOR THE OPEN PRELIMINARY HEARING ON 11 NOVEMBER 2022

A. Introduction

1. These submissions are filed on behalf of Wiltshire Council ("the Council") in response to the agenda circulated by CTI in their submission dated 17 October 2022.

B. Disclosure Update

2. The Council has completed its review of potentially relevant documents and has identified those documents for disclosure to the ILT. Disclosure of two lever arch files has been provided to the ILT. This completes the Council's disclosure under stage 1 and no further documents are outstanding

C. Venue

3. The Council is neutral as to whether the Inquiry sits in Salisbury or London. However, the Council would support Option (b) in CTI's submissions (namely, that the Inquiry should hear some OPEN evidence in Salisbury, focused on the evidence particularly related to the immediate circumstances of Dawn Sturgess' death, with the remaining OPEN evidence heard in London with a video link to a venue in Salisbury). The Council considers that this would best aid public participation and confidence in the Inquiry. Council officers would be happy to assist the ILT in finding suitable venues.

D. Other Matters

4. The Council has no submissions to make with regards to further Restriction Order Applications.
5. The Council is conscious of its duties to safeguard public funds. Given its peripheral role in the issues likely to be discussed at the next preliminary hearing, the Council seeks permission to be excused from attendance on 11 November 2022. If the ILT has

any questions for the Council in advance of that hearing, Council officers would of course be happy to answer those.

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31 October 2022