

Filed on behalf of the Applicant

Witness Statement of Amy Starkey

Statement No. 1

Date: 22 May 2023

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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
THE BUSINESS AND PROPERTY COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES
CHANCERY DIVISION
BETWEEN:**

JOCKEY CLUB RACECOURSES LIMITED

Applicant

-and-

- (1) DANIEL FRANK PETER KIDBY**
- (2) PERSONS UNKNOWN INTENTIONALLY OBSTRUCTING THE 7 HORSE RACES ON 2 JUNE 2023 AND 8 HORSE RACES ON 3 JUNE 2023 AT THE LOCATION DESCRIBED BELOW AS THE "EPSOM RACECOURSE"**
- (3) PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING THE AREA DESCRIBED BELOW AS THE "RACE TRACK" EXCEPT AT SPECIFIC "CROSSING POINTS" AND WITH "AUTHORISATION", AS DESCRIBED BELOW**
- (4) PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING AND/OR REMAINING ON ANY "CROSSING POINTS" WITHOUT "AUTHORISATION", AS DESCRIBED BELOW**
- (5) [PERSONS UNKNOWN INTENTIONALLY CAUSING ANY OBJECT TO ENTER ONTO THE "RACE TRACK" WITHOUT "AUTHORISATION", AS DESCRIBED BELOW**
- (6) PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING THE AREA DESCRIBED BELOW AS THE "PARADE RING" WITHOUT "AUTHORISATION", AS DESCRIBED BELOW**
- (7) PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING AND/OR REMAINING ON ANY PART OF THE AREAS DESCRIBED BELOW AS THE "HORSES' ROUTE TO THE PARADE RING" AND/OR THE "HORSES' ROUTE TO THE RACE START", WITHOUT "AUTHORISATION", AS DESCRIBED BELOW**
- (8) PERSONS UNKNOWN INTENTIONALLY ENDANGERING ANY PERSON AT THE LOCATION DESCRIBED BELOW AS THE "EPSOM RACECOURSE"**

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF AMY STARKEY

I, **AMY STARKEY**, of the Jockey Club Racecourses Limited, 75 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LS, **WILL SAY** as follows:

1. I am the Managing Director of the Applicant (the “**Jockey Club**”). I have worked for the Jockey Club for 18 years and have been in my current role for approximately 2 ½ years.
2. In my current role, I am directly responsible for a collection of racecourses, including Epsom Downs, Sandown Park, Kempton Park, and Newmarket, as well as some smaller ones. Prior to this role, I was Regional Director of the East Region for the Jockey Club, in which I was responsible for Newmarket, Huntingdon, Market Rasen and Nottingham racecourses; I was in that role for almost 10 years.
3. I make this statement specifically in relation to the interactions that the Jockey Club has had with Animal Rising in relation to the Epsom Derby. I am duly authorised to make this statement on behalf of the Jockey Club and in support of its application for injunctive relief.
4. Unless stated otherwise, the facts and matters set out in this witness statement are within my knowledge and are true. Where any facts or matters are not within my own knowledge, the source of the information is identified, and those facts and matters are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
5. Throughout this statement, I will refer to certain documents, copies of which are exhibited in a paginated bundle marked ‘**AS1**’ which accompanies this witness statement.

Initial communications with Animal Rising

6. By way of brief background, Animal Rising is an animal activist movement based in the United Kingdom. It is my understanding that it was founded approximately four years ago; it is not a corporate entity and rather, is a collection of members who all share a common purpose. I understand that that purpose is to “repair” what they consider is society’s broken relationship with animals. They consider that this can only be repaired by creating a completely plant-based food system, and bringing an end to farming and

fishing, as well as horse racing. I refer to the Witness Statement of Nevin Truesdale for further detail on what is known by the Jockey Club in respect of Animal Rising.

7. On 2 May 2023, at 11:11am, the Jockey Club received an email from a member of Animal Rising, Kerri Waters. Ms Waters advised that she was writing on behalf of Animal Rising, noting that they were the group responsible for disrupting the Grand National at Aintree and the Scottish Grand National at Ayr, on 15 and 22 April 2023, respectively. Ms Waters advised that the purpose of the email was to inform the Jockey Club that Animal Rising had that day announced plans to mobilise 1000 people to disrupt the Epsom Derby, due to be held on 3 June 2023 (the “**Derby**”)¹. She proposed that the Jockey Club and Animal Rising hold an in-person meeting, to better understand one another and our respective aims [page 7 of AS1].
8. Nevin Truesdale responded on behalf of the Jockey Club on 3 May 2023 at 13:30, confirming that the Jockey Club would be happy to meet with Animal Rising ahead of the Derby, suggesting that the meeting be in London and that it would be sensible for representatives of the British Horseracing Authority also to be in attendance [pages 6-7 of AS1].
9. Several further emails were exchanged between 5 May 2023 and 10 May 2023 arranging the logistics of the meeting, which were all good-natured, positive, and welcoming [pages 1-6 of AS1]. The Jockey Club proposed that the meeting be held in a neutral location, and Animal Rising agreed. Accordingly, we booked a private meeting at a co-working space, LABS, 90 High Holborn for 11 May 2023. We also confirmed and agreed the attendees in advance, which were, in addition to me, as follows:
 - A. Stuart Williamson – Chief Corporate Affairs Officer (the Jockey Club);
 - B. Simon Knapp – Senior Veterinary Officer for London Region Races (the Jockey Club);
 - C. Greg Swift – Director of Communications & Corporate Affairs (British Horseracing Authority);
 - D. Kerri Waters (Animal Rising); and
 - E. Dan Kidby (The First Respondent, Animal Rising).

The Meeting

¹ The Epsom Derby forms part of the Epsom Festival, for further information in this respect I refer to the Witness Statement of Nevin Truesdale.

10. The meeting took place as intended on 11 May 2023 at 12pm. It was a small, private meeting room and quite intimate. Mr Kidby advised us that he lived in the UK and co-founded Animal Rising (then known as Animal Rebellion) approximately four years ago. Ms Waters advised that she had been recruited by Animal Rising as an activist, and that she lived in France on a farm and owned two thoroughbred horses and several ponies.
11. I exhibit a minute of the meeting at **pages 8-9 of AS1**.
12. During the meeting, both sides were clear and direct in their position. In respect of the Derby, Animal Rising confirmed that there were two strands to the action they were intending to take, the first, being a peaceful protest to be led by Ms Waters, (the "**Peaceful Protest**") the purpose of which was to inform and raise awareness of Animal Rising's cause, and the second, a non-violent disruption of the race to be led by Mr Kidby, (the "**Disruption**") the purpose of which was to prevent the Derby from taking place at all.
13. In respect of the Peaceful Protest, we outlined our respect and support for this within the limits of the law. We advised that we were supportive of a Peaceful Protest at the Derby and offered to create a space for the protestors participating in the Peaceful Protest; we have since further arranged this directly with Animal Rising (see paragraphs 20-23 below).
14. In respect of the Disruption, Animal Rising said that their aim was to stop the race but that they did not plan to interrupt during the running of the race. We requested details of their plans, but they would not disclose these to us.
15. The Jockey Club outlined that the welfare and safety of all participants (including the horses) and those present at the Derby was our top priority, and the high risk that is posed to the safety of the horses, jockeys, public attendees, and protestors if the Derby is disrupted. Simon Knapp highlighted the differences between jump and flat horses and the routine and conditions that needed to be created for the welfare of the horse, explaining that any delay on a race day, poses a risk to the welfare of the animals. I refer to these matters set out in Simon Knapp's Witness Statement.²
16. We asked whether there were any alternative means of Animal Rising achieving its objectives (particularly given our clear offer to accommodate the Peaceful Protest). They told us that our comments in respect of the welfare of the horses and all

² For further information of the impact on horse welfare and safety generally, I refer also to the Witness Statement of Nevin Trusedale.

participants, did not change their position, and that they did not consider there to be any alternatives to the plans they had in place.

17. They told us that they considered themselves to be a non-violent movement and believed in creating a positive environment during protests. The Jockey Club challenged this, noting that the movement, and particularly the Disruption, attracts a more radical type of protestor, and queried how they intended to control this.
18. Whilst the meeting was helpful to understand each other's positions and good-natured throughout, ultimately, it was apparent to me that Animal Rising were intent on going ahead with the Disruption.

Communications with Animal Rising following the Meeting

19. Following the meeting on the evening of 11 May 2023, Ms Waters sent an email thanking us for the meeting and the opportunity to share our respective views. She advised that she would send a follow up email the week commencing 15 May 2023 to provide us with details of the Peaceful Protest, so that we could assist in arranging this [page 2 of AS1]. Stuart responded on behalf of the Jockey Club, reciprocating our thanks and our appreciation for the chance to hear their perspective [page 1 of AS1].
20. On 18 May 2023, I sent a follow up email as we had by then, not then heard further from Ms Waters or Mr Kidby [pages 11-12 of AS1]. I advised that the Jockey Club remained deeply committed to accommodating their right to peaceful and respectful protest. I advised that we were content to offer a dedicated location for the Peaceful Protest, located opposite the Main Entrance Pavilion with availability from 10am on the day of the Derby, and Oaks Day (on 2 June - although we understand that Derby Day is the focus for the protesters). I attached a copy of an aerial photograph showing the location [page 13 AS1]. I also outlined that the Jockey Club had an obligation to ensure that we protect all those attending the Derby, with safety and enjoyment of everyone, human or equine, being our number one priority. I strongly requested that any individuals within Animal Rising refrain from any illegal activity or other disruptive and dangerous behaviour at the Derby, highlighting the risks and relevant criminal offences, as well as the fact the Jockey Club and the police would not hesitate to take any action necessary to protect the Derby and the horseracing industry.
21. On 19 May 2023, Ms Waters responded on behalf of Animal Rising, accepting the offer of a dedicated area outside of the racecourse. She advised that Animal Rising were planning a "*family-friendly event*" which is to include soapbox racers, competitions, an open mic session, music and arts and crafts. I am aware that this has also been

publicised on their social media channels,^{3,4} and in Ms Waters email she provided a link to a Facebook event for the same, which shows that, at the date of this statement, 44 guests were confirmed as going and 174 were interested⁵ [page 11 of AS1].

22. In respect of the disruption, Ms Waters confirmed Animal Risings “*unwavering intention*” to stop the Derby by getting on the racecourse, and she invited the Jockey Club to cancel the Derby [page 11 of AS1].


23. On 20 May 2023, I responded to Ms Waters on behalf of the Jockey Club [page 10 of AS1]. I reconfirmed the Jockey Club’s commitment to accommodating the Peaceful Protest and advised that one of my colleagues from the Operations Team would be in touch to discuss and arrange logistics of this. I thanked Ms Waters for Animal Risings’ transparency in respect of their unwavering intention to cause a Disruption, noting that they themselves recognised that such action may include conduct which is unlawful. I confirmed that the Jockey Club would work with Surrey Police to take any action necessary to ensure that any protest which caused a disproportionate disruption or risks to the Derby would be dealt with swiftly and decisively. The Jockey Club remains committed to accommodating the Peaceful Protest.

Conclusion

24. Unfortunately, it is clear to me that Animal Rising has no intention of cancelling the intended Disruption, which, for the reasons set out in more detail in the Witness Statements of Nevin Truesdale and Simon Knapp, is of great concern to the Jockey Club, given that the welfare and safety of the horses and all those attending and participating in the Derby is of paramount importance to the Jockey Club.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed...  DBDCEBA513094F4...

Amy Starkey

Date... 21/05/23

³ <https://twitter.com/AnimalRising/status/1659608417101664256?s=20> pages 14 of AS1
⁴ <https://www.instagram.com/p/CsWtnQPKeZj/?igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA%3D%3D> pages 15-16 of AS1
⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/events/s/epsom-for-all-a-vegan-alternat/6128105467244449/> page 17 of AS1

Archived: 21 May 2023 13:59:23

From: [Starkey, Amy](#)

Sent: 12 May 2023 10:40:02

To: [Stollard, Rachel](#)

Subject: FW: CHANGE OF ATTENDEES: Animal Rising notice of action and offer to meet

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

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From: Williamson, Stuart

Sent: 11 May 2023 20:34

To: [REDACTED] Fitzgerald, Jenna <Jenna.Fitzgerald@thejockeyclub.co.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED] Truesdale, Nevin <Nevin.Truesdale@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Starkey, Amy <Amy.Starkey@thejockeyclub.co.uk>

Subject: RE: CHANGE OF ATTENDEES: Animal Rising notice of action and offer to meet

Dear Kerri

Many thanks to you and Dan for taking the time to meet with us today and for the doughnuts. We equally appreciated the chance to hear your perspectives.

Thank you for the respectful and candid conversation.

Best wishes

Stuart

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 8:05 PM
To: Fitzgerald, Jenna <Jenna.Fitzgerald@thejockeyclub.co.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED] Truesdale, Nevin <Nevin.Truesdale@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Starkey, Amy <Amy.Starkey@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Williamson, Stuart <Stuart.Williamson@thejockeyclub.co.uk>
Subject: Re: CHANGE OF ATTENDEES: Animal Rising notice of action and offer to meet

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Dear all,

Just a quick message to say thank you for meeting us today. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to express our opinions. We also appreciated learning from your experience in the industry and hearing how much you love working and caring for horses.

I'll send a follow up email next week and, in the meantime, if you have anything else you'd like to discuss please feel free to reach out to me.

Best wishes,

Kerri Waters

(P.S. hope you enjoyed the doughnuts!)

On 10 May 2023, at 16:43, Fitzgerald, Jenna <Jenna.Fitzgerald@thejockeyclub.co.uk> wrote:



Hi Dan & Kerri,

A quick note to inform you of a change to the attendees; Paul Johnson can no longer make the meeting so we have asked Simon Knapp, our Epsom vet to attend.

Please see a revised attendee list below:

Amy Starkey – Managing Director, East Region (Jockey Club)
Stuart Williamson – Chief Corporate Affairs Officer (Jockey Club)
Greg Swift – Director of Communications & Corporate Affairs (British Horseracing Authority)
Simon Knapp – Epsom Vet

All other arrangements remain the same.

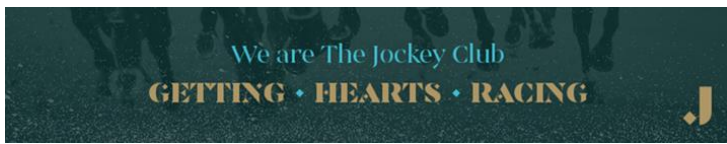
Very best regards,

Jenna

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 5:50 PM
To: Fitzgerald, Jenna <Jenna.Fitzgerald@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; [REDACTED]
Cc: Truesdale, Nevin <Nevin.Truesdale@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Starkey, Amy <Amy.Starkey@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Williamson, Stuart <Stuart.Williamson@thejockeyclub.co.uk>
Subject: Re: Animal Rising notice of action and offer to meet

Hi Jenna,

Thank you very much for booking this space.

We look forward to meeting everyone there.

Best wishes,

Dan

Dan Kidby
Co-Founder Animal Rising (formerly Animal Rebellion)

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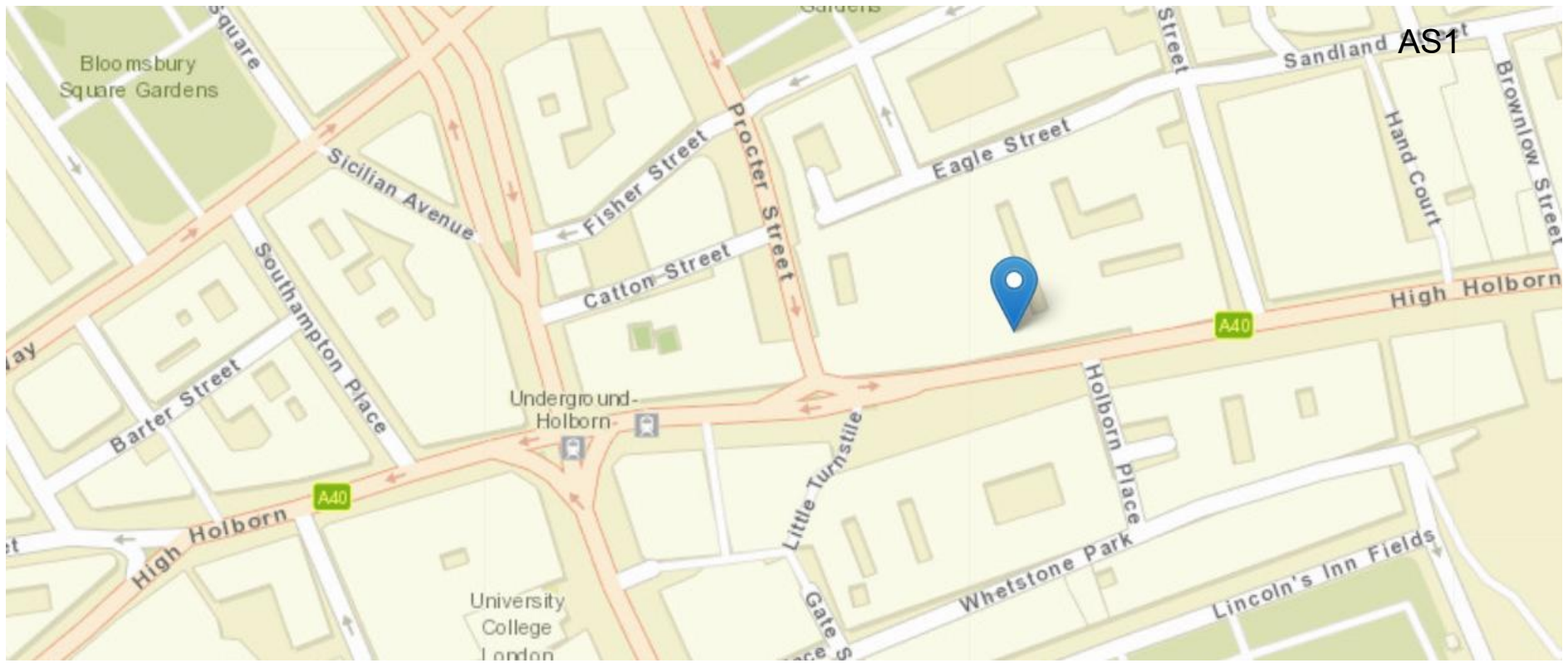
From: Fitzgerald, Jenna <Jenna.Fitzgerald@thejockeyclub.co.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 May 2023, 16:18
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Cc: Truesdale, Nevin <Nevin.Truesdale@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Starkey, Amy <Amy.Starkey@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Williamson, Stuart <Stuart.Williamson@thejockeyclub.co.uk>
Subject: Animal Rising notice of action and offer to meet

Good afternoon Dan,

Great to be in touch.

I have booked The Quartz Meeting Room, 4th Floor, at LABS 90 High Holborn:
https://labs.com/location/labs-90-high-holborn/?utm_source=google%20my%20business&utm_medium=direct&utm_campaign=labs90hh

11th May – 12h00 – 14h00



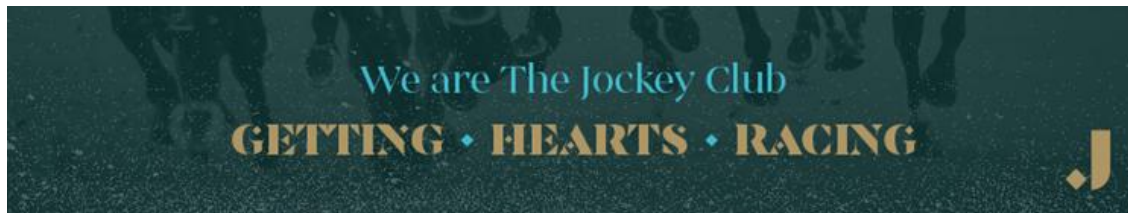
If your plans should change, please do let us know at your earliest convenience.

Best regards,

Jenna

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[REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 6, 2023 6:08 PM

To: Fitzgerald, Jenna <Jenna.Fitzgerald@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; [REDACTED]

Cc: Truesdale, Nevin <Nevin.Truesdale@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Starkey, Amy <Amy.Starkey@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Williamson, Stuart <Stuart.Williamson@thejockeyclub.co.uk>

Subject: Re: Animal Rising notice of action and offer to meet

Hi everyone,

Further to Kerri's introduction, my name is Dan Kidby and I'm a Co-Founder of Animal Rising. I really appreciate your willingness to meet with us and look forward to speaking with you in person.

Kerri doesn't have access to her emails today, but I've spoken with her and can confirm that the 11th of May at 12pm in Holborn area works well for us.

Thank you as well, Jenna, for organising a meeting space for us all.

Best wishes,

Dan

Dan Kidby
Co-Founder Animal Rising (formerly Animal Rebellion)

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From: Fitzgerald, Jenna <Jenna.Fitzgerald@thejockeyclub.co.uk>

Sent: Friday, 5 May 2023, 17:46

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Truesdale, Nevin <Nevin.Truesdale@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Starkey, Amy <Amy.Starkey@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Williamson, Stuart <Stuart.Williamson@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; [REDACTED]

Subject: Animal Rising notice of action and offer to meet

Dear Kerri,

Further to your note below, I have checked diaries our end and we can make 11th May at 12pm work centrally in London.

I can book a meeting space around Holborn area if that should work for you and Dan?

Attendees as follows:

Amy Starkey – Managing Director, East Region (Jockey Club)
Stuart Williamson – Chief Corporate Affairs Officer (Jockey Club)
Greg Swift – Director of Communications & Corporate Affairs (British Horseracing Authority)
Paul Johnson – Chief Executive (National Training Federation)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Very best regards,

Jenna

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 1:31 PM
To: Truesdale, Nevin <Nevin.Truesdale@thejockeyclub.co.uk>
Cc: Starkey, Amy <Amy.Starkey@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Williamson, Stuart <Stuart.Williamson@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Fitzgerald, Jenna <Jenna.Fitzgerald@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Animal Rising notice of action and offer to meet

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Dear Nevin,

Thank you for getting back to me quickly.

I have talked to my colleague, Dan, and we would be happy to meet you in London at a date that suits all involved. We would prefer to avoid the 10th, 16th, 19th, 22nd, 24th or 25th May, if possible, due to prior appointments. Please do let me know if there are any arrangements we can help with.

Looking forward to meeting in person.

Best Wishes,

Kerri

On 3 May 2023, at 13:30, Truesdale, Nevin <Nevin.Truesdale@thejockeyclub.co.uk> wrote:

Dear Kerri

Thank you very much for your email and we have seen the Animal Rising media releases regarding your plans for the Epsom Derby yesterday.

We would be happy to meet with you in the coming weeks and ahead of the 3rd June. I have asked my colleagues Amy Starkey, managing director for Epsom Downs racecourse in addition to a number of our other major racecourses and Stuart Williamson our chief corporate affairs officer to represent the Jockey Club at this meeting.

It would also make sense to include a representative from the British Horseracing Authority as we are aware that you have also invited them to meet with you. Greg Swift, director of

Corporate Affairs director would be happy to represent the BHA.

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In terms of dates and location, I will ask Jenna and Stuart to help with diaries and a location. I think London would best for the team.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards
Nevin

NEVIN TRUESDALE | CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 May 2023 11:11
To: Dudgeon, Sandy <Sandy.Dudgeon@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Truesdale, Nevin <Nevin.Truesdale@thejockeyclub.co.uk>
Cc: The Jockey Club <info@thejockeyclublive.co.uk>
Subject: Animal Rising notice of action and offer to meet

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Dear Sandy and Nevin,

My name is Kerri and I am writing to you as a representative of Animal Rising, we are the movement who nonviolently disrupted the Grand National and Scottish Grand National earlier this month.

I am writing to you out of respect to you, the Jockey Club, and those you represent, to personally inform you that today we have announced plans to mobilise 1,000 people to disrupt Epsom Derby as we continue our campaign to protect horses and create a national conversation about our broken relationship with animals.

I would also like to propose that we have an in-person meeting, in private and away from the media circus, so we can all get around the table in an effort to understand one another a bit better.

If you are interested in meeting then please let us know what dates might work for you. My colleague, Dan Kidby, and I would be willing to travel up to a place which is convenient for you.

I look forward to hear back from you,

Kerri Waters
Animal Rising

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Jockey Club / Animal Rising – 11 May 2023

Greg Swift (BHA); Amy Starkey (Jockey Club), Simon Knapp (Epsom Vet and WHB) and Stuart Williamson (Jockey Club) met with Dan Kidby and Kerri Waters, Animal Rising in London.

The meeting was arranged following an invitation from KW to the Jockey Club and presented an opportunity for those from racing to better understand the intentions and plans of AR in relation to the Derby.

Summary:

The meeting was good natured and respectful with both parties clearly setting out their respective positions. Both sides were also clear and direct in their position in relation to the Derby with the Jockey Club underlining its respect and support for peaceful protest within the limits of the law and Animal Rising clearly stating their intent to disrupt the race. Despite this there is no change to plans from Animal Rising who remain committed to their campaign of disrupting the Derby. We feel on balance that this was a worthwhile meeting.

Impact on the Derby:

We asked AR about the intent and plans to disrupt the Derby. They have confirmed their aim is to stop the race but do not plan to interrupt during racing. We directly asked for the specifics of their plans but AR would not disclose this detail. We underlined our respect for peaceful protest and offered to create a space for protestors.

Impact on welfare of all involved:

We outlined the high risk to the safety of equine and human participants with SK explaining the difference between jump and flat horses and the routine and conditions that need to be created for the welfare of the horse. He explained that delay to the race poses a risk to the welfare of the animals. We asked AR to take this into consideration in their plans and they said they will feed all comments back to their teams. In response, they challenged us to cancel the race if it is disrupted. We said we would not be cancelling the race but underlined the veterinary and medical support for all participants around the course and that welfare and safety of all was our first aim.

Alternative means of achieving objectives:

We asked AR whether there were alternative routes to achieving their aims and outlined some insights we saw from our own consumer polling showing little sympathy for the cause. This did not change their position.

Issues with racing:

The conversation turned, prompted by AR, to some of issues they have with horse racing including breaking in, breeding to race an animal and the financial gain. We were able to robustly push back on all points. We challenged around some of the issues they raised particularly around horse ownership.

Summary of AR:

AR outlined some of the philosophies behind their campaigns at the heart of which is a desire to surface some of the inherent tensions and conflicts around animal welfare. They stressed they are a non violent movement and believe in creating a positive environment when protesting. We challenged the risk that their movement attracts more radical protesters to the race day and racecourse and asked them how they control this. They confirmed that they are looking for the end of horseracing (as well as animal farming and fishing) and believe that the means through legal and non-legal means will help bring this about. It was clear that they are prepared to break the law to bring about change.

We strongly underlined the fact that while we respect their right to protest as legitimate, means legally, they should be very mindful of the fact that horseracing is a legitimate past time for millions of people, and we challenged their motives in this respect.

Iona Wilson

From: Iona Wilson
Sent: 21 May 2023 13:39
To: Iona Wilson
Subject: FW: Meeting follow-up

From: Starkey, Amy
Sent: 20 May 2023 20:05
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Truesdale, Nevin <Nevin.Truesdale@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Williamson, Stuart <Stuart.Williamson@thejockeyclub.co.uk>; Durrant, Simon <Simon.Durrant@thejockeyclub.co.uk>
Subject: RE: Meeting follow-up

Dear Kerri,

Many thanks for your email and for confirming your plans for the event you are looking to stage outside the racecourse. As we discussed in our meeting and continue to reference publicly, we believe it's really important that everyone has the right to protest in a peaceful and law-abiding way, so we're pleased that you'll be taking up our offer of a space to use for this purpose. In terms of logistics, I will ensure that Simon (copied) from our Operations Team is in touch to discuss the transportation, drop-off and collection of the equipment you will need on the day and any other information we'll find useful to help us plan ahead.

I would also like to thank you for your transparency when highlighting Animal Rising's determination to disrupt The Derby by breaching security and gaining access to the race track. As you reference yourself, this course of action is unlawful and compromises the safety of everyone at the event, including equine and human participants, members of the public and yourselves. As such we make no apology for having to consider every option available to us to ensure that the event goes ahead safely. With this in mind we would like to take this opportunity to repeat our plea to Animal Rising not to engage in any form of protest which significantly risks the safety of yourselves and others, including by seeking to prevent or delay the races. We will have security measures in place on and around the site and will be working closely with Surrey Police to ensure that any protests which cause disproportionate disruption or risks, are dealt with swiftly and decisively.

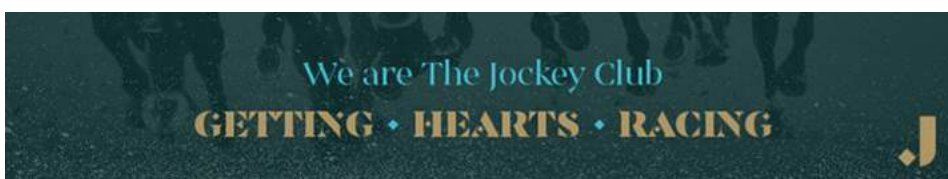
I also appreciate you referencing your conversation with the Mail on Sunday this week. Sabrina Miller has indeed been in touch with our Communications Team and we have provided a short statement reiterating our commitment to staging the event and prioritising the safety of everyone in attendance.

We remain grateful for your continued communication and respect for our own views – as we are of yours. If you have any further information you believe we should know or if your plans develop between now and the event please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks and best wishes
 Amy

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 May 2023 23:21
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Subject: Re: Meeting follow-up

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Dear Amy,

I'd like to pass on a huge thank you from our team and we gladly accept your kind offer of a dedicated area outside the racecourse. We are planning a family-friendly event that includes soapbox races, competitions, an open mic session, music and arts and crafts. Far from a traditional 'protest', we want to show an alternative and encourage the public to join in the fun. That invitation is extended towards you and the rest of the team at Epsom, who would be warmly welcomed by us in the spirit of friendship. Here is the Facebook event for the day with more information and for you to share: <https://www.facebook.com/events/s/epsom-for-all-a-vegan-alternat/6128105467244449/>

Logistically, we will need to drop off our equipment that morning in our van. Is this something you could help facilitate in order to reassure the police and comply with any traffic restrictions in place for race day?

I completely understand your motivations in protecting the race and also share your concerns for the consequences we face in taking disruptive action due to the Public Order Act. A 10 year sentence for being an 'annoyance' is wildly disproportionate for nonviolent protesters!

At this juncture, I hope we've convinced you of our integrity and commitment to being openly honest with you. That is why I can confirm we are unwavering in our intention to stop the race by getting on the race course using nonviolent means, no matter the sacrifice we make to our own personal liberty and comfort.

To be further transparent with you and return the respect you've shown us, I want to give you a heads up that our media team has spoken to the Mail On Sunday about our plans. They passed on a quote from an unnamed source inside the Jockey Club given to the team from a trusted journalistic source. I believe the source said the race is "unpoliceable". I can assure you we have not told the media about our meeting last week and continued dialogue as we stand by our promise to keep this out of the press. It's likely you'll have been approached for comment, but if not then please reach out to Sabrina Miller of the Mail on Sunday as you have the right to reply. Let me know if you need her contact details.

After listening to your points of view last week, it is clear your team is deeply and emotionally invested in the welfare of horses. I recognise your sincere plea for us to reconsider was rooted in genuine care for every human and horse involved. The same compassion for life means we are bound by conviction to do what is right and stop the race. Our sincere plea to you is to cancel the Derby to eliminate all risk and reconcile our shared desire for a just and peaceful outcome. There really isn't that much that divides us.

In the knowledge that this situation is both conflictual and unifying, I am wishing your team all the best for the work ahead in the next few weeks and hope this discussion continues.

Kerri Waters

On 18 May 2023, at 15:01, Starkey, Amy <Amy.Starkey@thejockeyclub.co.uk> wrote:

Dear Dan and Kerri,

Thank you for meeting with us last week and for explaining to us your position.

As I explained at the meeting, we remain deeply committed to accommodating your right to peaceful and respectful protest, which does not interfere with the event. In this regard, we would like to

dedicate a particular area for the purpose of peaceful protest. This will be located opposite the Pavilion Entrance of the racecourse - please see an aerial photo of the location attached. The area is located opposite our Main Entrance Pavilion and will be available for you from 10am - there won't of course be vehicles parked there as per the photo. Please let us know if you require anything further.

As we also stated, we have an obligation to ensure we protect all those attending our racedays with the safety and enjoyment of everyone, human or equine, our number one priority. We and the police will not hesitate to act to ensure that disruptive behaviour is prevented and dealt with appropriately.

Please be clear, it is a criminal offence for anyone intentionally to obstruct, endanger or give reasonable cause for annoyance to any other person in the proper use of the Downs, which may result in a fine or summary conviction. In addition, we understand that a conviction for intentionally or recklessly causing public nuisance may lead to imprisonment of up to 12 months (on summary conviction) or 10 years (on indictment), as well as a fine.

We implore you that you and other individuals refrain from any such forms of illegal activity or other disruptive and dangerous behaviour, and stress that we intend to take action as is necessary in order to protect the race and the industry.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks and best wishes
Amy

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This is a day out for everyone, as we lead by example and protest in style! Join our facebook event to stay in the loop with all the pre race excitement. If you're interested in being part of the disruption, fill out the form linked in our bio.

Events:

-  Running Races
-  Soapbox Race
-  Eggless Spoon Race
-  Three legged Race
-  Fancy Hat Competition
-  Open Mic
-  Arts and Crafts and much more!

Time: 10am-4pm

Location: Epsom Derby Racetrack!

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3RD JUNE 2023 10AM - 4PM

SATURDAY, 3 JUNE 2023 AT 10:00 UTC+01

Epsom For All: A Vegan Alternative to the Epsom Derby Festival

Epsom Downs Racecourse

About Discussion

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Details

- 218 people responded
- Event by Animal Rising
- Epsom Downs Racecourse
- Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

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JUST TURN UP!

Meet us on the 3rd June outside the front of Epsom Derby Racecourse for a day of family fun events and entertainment, free from animal exploitation!

🕒 10am - 4pm

This will be a peaceful and joyful demonstration, bringing attention to the suffering and exploitation of the animals in the horse racing industry, whilst actively demonstrating an alternative 😊

Events:

- Running Races
- Soapbox Race
- Eggless Spoon Race
- Three legged Race
- Fancy Hat Competition (no feathers, of course!)
- Open Mic
- Arts and Crafts and much more!

Join the WhatsApp broadcast for the day

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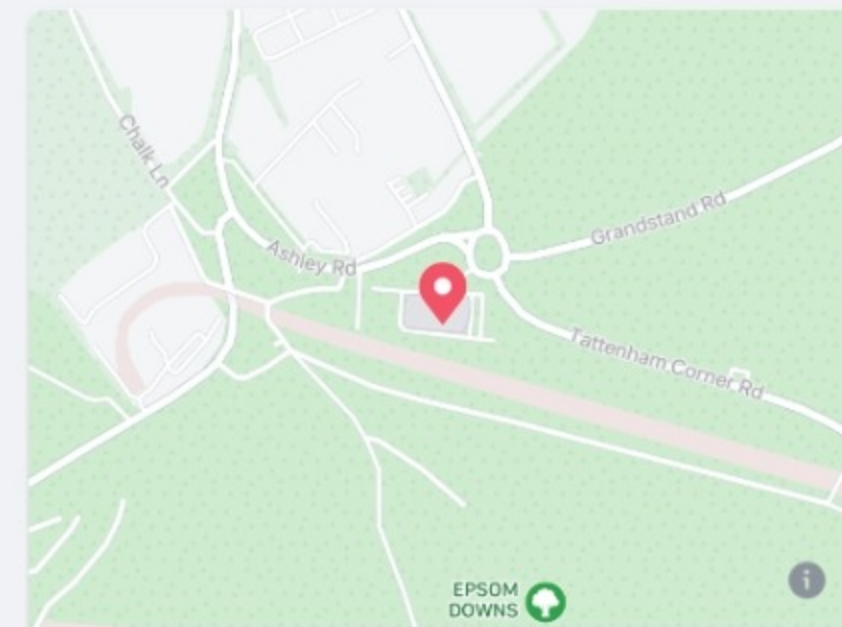
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