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Court 11 Royal Courts of Justice, London

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12 May 2025 **Time:** 10:30am

In Mr Justice Lavender Judge ("**J**")

attendance: Myriam Stacey KC Counsel ("MSKC")

Evie Barden Counsel ("**EB**")
Andrew Todd Eversheds Sutherland ("**AT**")
Simran Bhamra Eversheds Sutherland ("**SB**")

WM Morrison Supermarkets Limited and Others v Persons Unknown Return Day Hearing, 12 May 2025

MSKC: I appear for all 3 Claimants, there is no one here to appear for the Defendants. This is a review hearing against persons unknown for an injunction against 8 retail distribution centres to prevent blocking access and disturbances.

MSKC: Before we get started can I check that My Lord has everything by way of documentation. There should be a hearing bundle from 16 January 2025 and a supplemental hearing bundle. There was also a reading list included in the skeleton argument, has My Lord been able to read that.

J: Yes I think I have read through everything in the list, plus skeleton argument and draft order. I am content to extend the injunction for the period sought particularly given there is no one in attendance, but do not want to prevent you from saying anything you want to say given full and frank disclosure obligations.

MSKC: All full and frank disclosure has been provided. We do have some additional evidence but this rather supports my argument than undermines, it refers to blockading supermarket distribution centres being considered as one of the options. Date is 15 April.

Judge reads

J: Yes I see. I have a niggle about the drafting of the order, at paragraph 4, it is worded to operate until further order, it doesn't have an end date. It either just rolls on or this order replaces Judge Tindal's order and discharges that.

MSKC: In terms of rolling with no end date, we invite you to treat this effectively as a final hearing. We could embed a review that corresponds with the previous reasoning. We accept that we need to deal with Judge Tindal's paragraph 4.

J: You should do the same for the earlier orders if they haven't been discharged. Paragraph 15 needs the square brackets removed.

MSKC: We will see if they have been killed off and will remove the square brackets. If nothing else we will produce a draft Order for you.

J: Thank you. As was the case with previous hearing I wanted to note the case has been prepared and presented very helpfully. Thank you.