HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
07 Jan 2026
LONDON
ADMINISTRATIVE COURT
AC-2025-LON-001516

Claim nos: AC-2025-LON-001516
AC-2025-LON-003506
AC-2025-LON-003713
AC-2025-LON-003667
AC-2025-LON-004307
AC-2025-LON-003496
AC-2025-LON-003522
AC-2025-LON-003563
AC-2025-LON-003663
AC-2025-LON-003668
AC-2025-LON-004188
AC-2025-LON-003714
AC-2025-LON-004325

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

BEFORE

BETWEEN

THE KING
On the application of
CBW[1] and Others[2]

Claimants

- and -

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

Defendant

[redacted] Order

NOTE: This Order addresses all claims for judicial review in which Wilson Solicitors LLP are acting, which are before the Administrative Court as at the date of this Order, and which include challenges to the lawfulness of the changes made on -11 February 2025 to the Defendant's policy titled "Good character: caseworker guidance" ('the Good Character Guidance').

[1] Anonymity ordered by Kimblin J on 24 November 2025.
[2] As listed in the Schedule attached.

UPON the Honourable Mr Justice Kimblin having ordered, on 24 November 2025, that the Claimant CBW's application to seek permission to apply for judicial review be adjourned to a hearing, and having invited the Secretary of State to consider the case management of other claims raising similar issues;

AND UPON the Court having listed a permission hearing on 12 February 2026, time estimate 3.5 hours;

AND UPON the representatives of CBW and of the Secretary of State having subsequently communicated with a view to narrowing issues and agreeing an orderly procedure for the case management of CBW's and other similar claims;

BY CONSENT, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Permission, lead claims and stays of the claims.

1. The Claimants in claim AC-2025-LON-001516 and the four further claims listed in Part A of the Schedule to this claim ('the Lead Claims') be granted permission to apply for judicial review on all grounds.
2. The claims listed in Part B of the Schedule to this claim be stayed until final orders are made by the Administrative Court in the Lead Claims.
3. In respect of any individual who (before this claim is finally determined) has received or who does receive a refusal of British citizenship on the grounds of their illegal entry or dangerous journey and who has not issued a claim on the date of this order, but notifies the Defendant that they wish to challenge the aspects of the Good Character Guidance challenged in the Lead Claims, or the application of those aspects of the Good Character guidance in decisions to refuse British citizenship, the limitation period for any claim for judicial review shall be extended until 3 months after the Administrative Court makes final orders in the Lead Claims. Such notice must be sent to the following email addresses:
    a. bela.buchanan@governmentlegal.gov.uk
    b. Bharti.joshi@governmentlegal.gov.uk
    c. immigrationadminteam@governmentlegal.gov.uk

Permission hearing

4. The permission hearing listed on 12 February 2026 shall be vacated.

Full hearing and directions

5. There shall be a substantive hearing of the Lead Claims with a time estimate of 3 days in the period 5 May-26 June 2026, not suitable for a deputy High Court Judge, to be listed, if possible, to accommodate the availability of Counsel for the Claimants (David Chirico KC and Victoria Laughton) and the Defendant (Edward Brown KC).
6. The Claimants in the Lead Claims shall have permission to file a witness statement, to be filed and served by 4pm on 27 January 2026.
7. The Defendant shall, by 4pm on 26 February 2026, file and serve (a) Detailed Grounds for contesting the claim and (b) any written evidence that is to be relied on.
8. The Claimants in the Lead Claims shall have permission to serve evidence in reply to be filed and served no later than 19 March 2026.
9. The parties shall agree the contents of a hearing bundle and must file it with the Court not less than 35 days before the date of the hearing of the application for judicial review. An electronic version of the bundle shall be prepared and lodged in accordance with the Guidance on the Administrative Court website. The parties shall, if requested by the Court, lodge 2 hard•copy versions of the hearing bundle.
10. The parties must prepare a Core Bundle of essential documents in accordance with Administrative Court Guide 2025, paragraph 21.2.1.
11. The Claimants in the Lead Claims must file and serve a single consolidated Skeleton Argument not less than 28 days before the date of the hearing of the judicial review.
12. The Defendant must file and serve a Skeleton Argument not less than 14 days before the hearing of the judicial review.
13. The parties shall agree the contents of a bundle containing the authorities to be referred to at the hearing. An electronic version of the bundle shall be prepared in accordance with the Guidance on the Administrative Court website. The parties shall if requested by the Court prepare a hard-copy version of the authorities bundle. The electronic version of the bundle and if requested, the hard copy version of the bundle, shall be lodged with the Court not less than 7 days before the date of the hearing of the judicial review.

Costs

14. Costs reserved.

Signed: 	Signed: Treasury Solicitors
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Approved By Mr Justice Kimblin

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SCHEDULE OF CASES

PART A 'lead claims'

	Wilson Solicitors ref	GLD reference	Court ref and Cipher
1.	MSA/DAY22-2	Z2512819	Cipher requested: 'ND' AC-2025-LON-003506
2.	MN/YOU105-2	Z2513581/BOU/HOI3	Cipher requested: 'AAY' AC-2025-LON-003713
3.	PBB/NUR172-3	Z2513417/RRA/HOI3	Cipher requested 'ZBN' AC-2025-LON-003667
4.	HEG/NED8-2	Z2515414	Cipher requested: 'NEA' AC-2025-LON-004307

PART B ‘stayed claims’

	Wilson Solicitors ref	Court ref and Cipher
5.	KNO/AGH10-1	Cipher requested: ‘CAA’ AC-2025-LON-003496
6.	MSA/RAS83-3	Cipher requested: ‘RMS’ AC-2025-LON-003522
7.	OPA/GUU8-1	Cipher requested: ‘CG’ AC-2025-LON-003563
8.	PQU/ALD43-1	Cipher requested: ‘AD’ AC-2025-LON-003663
9.	NPU/MAH268-1	Cipher requested: ‘ND’ AC-2025-LON-003668
10.	JPE/ARD12-1	Cipher requested: ‘ARV’ AC-2025-LON-004188
11.	MN/MOU51-6	Cipher requested: ‘BMM’ AC-2025-LON-003714
12.	SST/OGI/MOH1542-2	Cipher requested: ‘CG’ AC-2025-LON-004325

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