

29 October 2020

Ms. Danielle Angelopoulou Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs United Kingdom

Ms. Tracy Breakell United Kingdom

Dear Ms. Angelopoulou, Dear Ms. Breakell,

Re: Communication concerning compliance by the United Kingdom with the provisions of the Convention in connection with planning consent for the redevelopment of a former hospital site (ACCC/C/2015/131)

I write to inform you that the Compliance Committee has considered the request by the Party concerned dated 20 October 2020 for an extension of the deadline to provide its views on the need for a hearing and has decided to extend the deadline until **Thursday, 5 November 2020**. The extension applies equally both to the Party concerned and the communicant.

The Committee will take into account any views of the Party concerned and the communicant received by the extended deadline at its upcoming virtual meeting on Friday, 6 November 2020.

The Committee has asked me to inform you that, should it decide on 6 November that a hearing should be held in this case, the hearing will take place during the Committee's sixty-eighth meeting (23-27 November 2020). That meeting will be held virtually due to the exceptional circumstances of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Irrespective of whether the Committee decides to hold a hearing, it invites each party to provide a brief written update on any relevant developments in this case before **Friday**, **20 November 2020**. While the parties are under no obligation to do so, if you wish to submit any final written submissions you are invited to do so by the same date.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Marshall

Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee





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