

INQUIRY LEGAL TEAM CHAPTER 3 FACTUAL EVIDENCE SUMMARY

PART 4: 15 AUGUST 1998 (up to 14:29)

1. This factual evidence summary comprises a selection of first-hand witness accounts and CCTV evidence for the period **up to 14:29** on 15 August 1998. The aim is to provide the Chairman, Core Participants and the public with a digest of the key parts of witness accounts and video evidence about the events before the first warning call on the day of the bombing.¹
2. This summary contains the accounts of some eyewitnesses who provided statements in the belief that they saw the bomb vehicle or other vehicles or persons of interest. Which, if any, of this evidence is reliable is a matter for the Chairman. The summary also contains some information about CCTV footage which recorded the movements of the bomb vehicle on the day of the bombing.
3. This summary contains details that some may find distressing. Only the evidence that is strictly necessary to understand the eyewitness accounts is set out in this summary. The summary will refer to locations and people, including physical descriptions and some may find these details distressing to read.
4. Detective Chief Inspector Billingsley recorded in the Sequence of Events statement provided on behalf of the PSNI that *“many witnesses claimed to have seen the bomb car”* but the criminal investigation team identified *“key witnesses... for tracing the movements of the bomb car in Omagh”*, namely: George Martin, Stephen Martin, Dianne Keys and Ruth Buchanan. The Inquiry understands that identification and photofit procedures were undertaken with these witnesses by the RUC, including in liaison with AGS, to identify the individuals they described. Ultimately, these were unsuccessful.² This included an identification process undertaken at a Jobs and Benefits office in Dundalk on 8 October 1999.

¹ The 24-hour clock is used for the timings that are referred to.

² A photofit procedure is a police investigation process used to create an image of a suspect's face based on the memory of a witness. It combines different facial features to match what an individual remembers about a person they saw during a crime or incident.

1) CCTV at Campsie Road, Omagh

5. Detective Constable Officer 9's report R42C detailed that there was footage believed to be of the bomb car travelling along Campsie Road in Omagh recorded at the Texaco Filling Station ("TKS1") and the Housing Executive Office ("TKS6"). The same report also detailed other vehicles being present at locations such as Aughnacloy PVCP on the day of the bombing.

2) George Martin

6. George Martin's statement dated 18 August 1998 recorded that he was the proprietor of C&A Anderson at 64 Market Street, Omagh. He recalled that on the day of the bombing, at 14:20, he left his shop through the rear door out into the yard. He was accompanied by his son, Stephen, and they were both heading to Corrick, between Newtownstewart and Plumbridge. He said that he got into his Vauxhall Cavalier, which was described by his son as being dark blue. The car was parked in the yard and his son got into the front passenger's side. He said that he drove out of the yard onto Market Street.
7. Mr George Martin said that as he was *"driving up the small incline"* out of his yard he *"saw a maroon-coloured saloon car drive slowly along Market Street"* directly in front of him which he said was *"heading in the direction of the traffic lights adjacent to the El Paso bar"*. He said: *"I then saw the driver of this vehicle glance round in my direction and [look] at me and it was at this point I saw that he was a male person, aged between twenty to twenty-four years with dirty fair hair, cut shortish."* Mr George Martin said: *"I could see that he had a roundish type face. He had no glasses, nor moustache, beard or earrings. I would say that he was clean shaven. He had normal type ears and by that I mean they were not sticking out. In respect of his hair I can say that there was no parting in it and I could see his forehead and that his hair was not combed down as a fringe"*.
8. Mr George Martin went on to say that the male person *"then looked straight ahead again and the car continued on still travelling slowly"*. He said that he believed there

was another person in the front of the car, but he could not give a description of that person. He stated: *“my impression of this person was that he or she was smaller but was not a child”*. He also added: *“I have no idea what any of these persons were wearing and I believe that the driver’s window was in fact wound down”*.

9. He went on to describe that, as he approached the entrance leading from his yard, he looked right and saw that there were no pedestrians on the footpath or road heading in his direction. He said that he could also see that the lights were green. He said that, on looking left, he could see a car, which he could not describe, which was approaching Campsie Bridge heading from the direction of Campsie. He said that he then drove out onto Market Street and quickly turned right in the same direction of the maroon-coloured car. He straightened his car up in the lane in which one can either go right across to the Drumragh Bridge or straight ahead up Market Street. He said he had to slow up fairly sharply as the maroon-coloured car *“at this stage was situated adjacent to the front of our shop”*. He said:

“this vehicle was still travelling slowly and I could see that the lights were still green. The vehicle in front was causing me some frustration as I wanted to get through the lights and continue on my journey. In fact I believed that because of this slow moving vehicle I was not going to make it through the lights while they were still at green. The vehicle continued on through the green light still slowly with myself travelling quite close behind”.

10. He said that he remembered that there were a few cars sitting at the junction of Dublin Road/Market Street on the Kozy Corner Bar side of the junction. He said that the vehicle continued across the junction heading in the direction of Market Street and, as it crossed the junction, he was then able to drive onto the Drumragh Road heading towards the bridge. He said that this was the last time he saw this vehicle.
11. Mr George Martin continued by stating that, when he first saw the driver of the maroon vehicle as he was coming out of his yard, he would say that he was *“approximately thirty to thirty five feet away from him”*. He said that he had a clear and unobstructed view of him. He said that the weather was fine, and he could see clearly out of the front windscreen of his car.

12. Mr George Martin gave live evidence in *R v Hoey* on 4 October 2006 and was taken through the key contents of his statement. He confirmed his agreement with what he said in his statement.

3) Stephen Martin

13. Stephen Martin's statement dated 18 August 1998 recorded that he was employed as a sales assistant at CA Andersons and Co, a hardware shop owned by his father. He described the location of the shop at Lower Market Street, adjacent to the main junction of Drumragh Avenue and Market Street. He said that on the day of the bombing he went to work, describing his workday and the other staff who were there. He stated that he was to go motorcycle riding that afternoon and that his father had arranged to come with him. He said that when his assistant returned to the shop after his lunch break at 14:05, he told his assistant that he and his father were going away to ride motorbikes.
14. He went to look for his father, George Martin, in the shop at 14:10, whom he spoke to. Mr Stephen Martin stated that his father said he would be with him in a minute. He said that he went back to his fishing department and looked at the wall clock which was showing the time to be 14:16 or 14:17. He said that *"the clock is accurate as we synchronised the shops clocks every week sometimes twice a week, so that the staff would not be leaving for lunch or for the day, at different times"*. He went on to say that he and his father then left the shop via the bottom store door at the rear of the building at 14:20.
15. He said that he and his father got into his father's dark blue coloured Vauxhall Cavalier. Mr Stephen Martin described how another vehicle was blocking them in, and there was an interaction about that with the female driver of that vehicle. He said that his father then drove his car out of the car park, with Stephen in the passenger seat. He said that, in order to cross Lower Market Street, his father had to give way to two lanes of traffic travelling towards Market Street, and he also had to give way to two lanes of traffic travelling in one lane towards Campsie from Drumragh Avenue.

16. He said he could remember looking at the traffic which was busy, and that *“all of the lanes had been full of traffic”*. He described how they waited to proceed, and the traffic lights changed. He described during this time putting the windows of the car down as it was warm and sunny. He described the various traffic and light changes and said: *“we were monitoring the movements of all the traffic in the street in order to get out”*.
17. He stated that his father then saw a space in the traffic and drove his car onto the road turning right and getting into the right-hand lane. He said that as his father drove out, he made his way slowly to the traffic lights where the traffic in the lane became stationary, as a result of heavy traffic in Market Street.
18. Mr Stephen Martin said: *“when my father’s car stopped, I noticed the car in front of us to be a dark maroon coloured Cavalier”*. He said that he could recall that no one was in the rear of the vehicle and the registration plate was Northern. He said: *“it was a basic looking Cavalier with no frills”*. He said that two men were sitting in the front of the car and that *“they weren’t big men as they didn’t take up a lot of room in the car. I didn’t see their faces. I thought it strange at the time because the maroon Cavalier was out of line with the lane of traffic in front of it, going up Market Street. It was positioned facing up Market Street with half of its body width protruding out of the left side of the line of traffic making its way up Market Street”*.
19. He described how the traffic lights were still green at this time and, as soon as his father edged up far enough on the junction, they turned right onto Drumragh Avenue and made their way out of town. He described another vehicle that he saw when making this turn. He said that there were no objects hanging from his father’s windscreen or badges which would hinder vision. He said that his father is particular about his car and his windscreen was very clean on that day as it normally was.
20. He also described how, at the point he observed the maroon Cavalier, it was *“bumper to bumper”* with his father’s car. He said that he wore contact lenses to aid his vision and could see clearly with them. On 15 August 1998, he was wearing contact lenses as normal. He said that he observed the Cavalier in front of him for *“about thirty*

continuous seconds”, and there were “no physical objects or anything” which would have hindered vision of the car.

4) Robert Bridge

21. Robert Bridge gave a statement to police dated 7 September 1998. He said that on the day of the bombing he and his wife left their home in Enniskillen at approximately 13:45 to go to Omagh to do some shopping. He said that he was driving their Toyota Carina car. He said that they came into Omagh via the Dromore Road. He said: *“As we were going past the Chapel there was a red Vauxhall Cavalier car in front of us with two men in it. This car turned right down the Main Street and we followed it. It was obvious that this car was looking for a parking space. It made an attempt to park opposite the Court house [sic] but there was not enough room to get in”.*
22. He said that the car *“drove on down slowly to the traffic lights in the middle of the town and we were still following them”.* He said that the car turned left towards the bus depot and onto the next set of traffic lights. He said that the car turned right at those lights and he followed them. He then said that as they were going over the bridge, the car put on its right hand indicator and he moved into the left hand lane *“to go out the Cookstown Road”.* When they got to the lights, they were red. He said: *“this car turned up the town and I went out the Cookstown [sic].”* He said that at that stage, they decided to go to Cookstown and do their shopping there.
23. He said that he did not remember what the registration number of the car was. He said that he would describe the driver as follows: *“late thirtys or early forties, dark bushy hair going grey at the sides, stocky build. The passenger was a younger man, slim build with a longish face. He was wearing what appeared to be a light green body warmer.”*

5) Dianne Keys

24. Dianne Keys' first statement dated 10 September 1998 recorded that at around 12:45 on the day of the bombing she left her mother's house. She was driving a red Vauxhall Astra with her young daughter. She said that she drove straight to Omagh and decided to try to get parked in the town centre. She found a parking space outside of the Ulster Bank which she parked in. She said she remembered looking at her watch because she knew she only had one hour of parking in the town centre. It was 13:20. She described going to Wattersons Shop, then to Harry Corry's (where she left at 14:00 which she stated was the time on the receipt), to Mr G's and then Pine Emporium where she said she was only briefly.
25. She said that there was a lot of traffic and people in the town. She described crossing the road from Pine Emporium to Nichol and Shiels. She was pushing her daughter in a blue pushchair. She said that she spent maybe 5 to 10 minutes in Nichol and Shiels. She said that she then walked up to Kell's Shop.³ Dianne Keys said she looked at a pair of sandals in the window. She was aware of a lot of people in the shop and a lot of people outside. She described the traffic at that time as heavy. She decided to cross the road to McElroy's shoe shop.
26. She described pushing her child's pushchair onto the roadway. She said that she was between two parked cars and the space she was in was big enough for a car to park in. She said that she could not remember the makes or colours of those cars, but she had just edged out and was looking down to her right, when she saw a red Vauxhall Cavalier travelling very slowly. She said that when she first saw it, "*it was about the area of the pedestrian crossing outside Nichol and Shiels*". She said that the sun was shining brightly. She said: "*If the Cavalier had of come from the Dublin Road or Drumragh Avenue it would have been in a different position from where I first seen it so I believe it came from Campsie.*" She said that "*the Cavalier had its left-hand indicator on and the driver gestured with his right hand, flicking it back and forward several times*".

³ It is assumed that this is a reference to SD Kells.

27. She said that she immediately took this to mean that the driver was going to let her cross the road, so she proceeded to do so. Her statement recorded: *"I didn't make eye contact at the driver when he made the gesture but I could see there was two men in the car and the front seat passenger seemed to be crouched back in the seat"*. She said: *"I remember thinking it was decent of the driver to let me across the road and I even put my hand up to acknowledge this"*.
28. She described going to McElroy's where she said she only spent a brief minute. She said that she didn't recall any vehicles in particular as she left the shop, as she was not paying much attention. She said that she remembered looking at her watch and she thought it was about 14:25. She said that she knew she was running late as she only had an hour in the parking space. She described being in a hurry, going to *"a little shop beside Supervalu"*, which she thought was called Kelly's, and from there straight back to her car. She estimated this was at 14:35.
29. She also said in her statement: *"I can't remember seeing anybody in the town whom I knew nor can I remember any other vehicles, either their makes or colour"*. She described driving to Dunnes Stores which is where she was when the bomb exploded. She said that she did not see anybody suspicious in Dunnes or in that area.
30. She went on to describe in more detail the two men she saw in the Cavalier. She said that:
- "the driver looked to be of a bigger build than the passenger. The passenger was crouched down in his seat. I could see the top of the seat over his shoulders. He was wearing dark coloured clothing and had dark hair. I only glanced at them briefly and the passenger didn't look like a teenager nor did he look very old. If I had to say his age I would say late 20's. His hair didn't look like it was long and he didn't have a skinhead haircut, other than that I couldn't say. I didn't get a good look at the driver in front, I think he may have had the sun visor down but of that I'm not sure as I've said the sun was reflecting on the window of the car but the driver appeared to be of a bigger build than the passenger. I couldn't describe*

him any more than that. The two people in the car reminded me of a father and son but that's only because of their builds."

31. Ms Keys' second statement is dated 11 September 1998. It is described as having been provided by way of clarification at the request of police. Ms Keys said that when she first saw the red Cavalier at Market Street it had its indicator on and at this time it was roughly about the area of the pedestrian crossing between the Kozy Corner pub and Nichol and Shiels. She said that she would say that the Cavalier was about three car lengths away from her at that time. She said that when she waved at the driver, she did not look towards him, but she was aware of the car still moving very slowly in her direction with its indicator on. She said that she did not see the car stop or make any manoeuvres to park in the space which she had just walked from. She did not see the red Cavalier again after that.

6) Ruth Buchanan

32. Ruth Buchanan's first statement dated 17 August 1998 stated that on 15 August 1998, she drove her Vauxhall Corsa car into Omagh to do some shopping. She said that she arrived in Omagh at approximately 13:30 and she parked her car outside Kells shop in Market Street.⁴ She had her mother with her, and her mother got out to do the shopping while Ms Buchanan remained in her car the entire time.
33. She said that at approximately 14:00, a maroon-coloured car which she thought was a Cavalier pulled in and parked in front of her. She said that *"immediately both the drivers and passenger doors opened and two male persons got out"*. She said: *"I am not sure whether they locked the car or not, but both these persons walked in the direction of the Dublin Road"*. She could not give much of a description, but *"would say that one of these persons would be about 6 feet tall and wearing dark clothes"*. She said that he was *"of thin build"*. She said that *"the other person was smaller and a heavier build"*. She said that *"both these persons had short tidy hair styles, the appearance of soldiers"*. She said that she could give no further descriptions. She said

⁴ It is understood that this is a reference to SD Kells: see further below.

that she left where she was parked at about 14:10. She said that the two persons she saw *“would have been in their mid-twenties”*.

34. If Ms Buchanan’s description is of the bombers parking the Cavalier, she would need to be mistaken in her timings by approximately 20 minutes.
35. In her second statement dated 21 August 1998, Ms Buchanan described her journey into Omagh in more detail. She provided more information about where her mother went shopping to. She said that the front of her car was parked level with the front doors of Kells’ ladies’ clothes shop. She described some other vehicles which she saw in the vicinity and described their various movements and provided some descriptions.
36. She said that the maroon Vauxhall Cavalier after a time pulled into the space in front of her. She stated that it parked first time and did not have to reverse. She said that *“there would have been about half a car length between the maroon Cavalier and my car”*. She said that she thought the passenger’s door *“didn’t open fully because there was a pole a traffic pole possibly a lamp post”*. The Inquiry understands that this may be a reference to a gate post or bollard.
37. She also said that *“the passenger got out of the car quickly, turning to his left and walking to the rear of the Cavalier”*. She said: *“I did not see the driver getting out but he quickly walked across the front of my car and joined his passenger on the pavement. I thought at the time they must have been in a hurry”*. She said: *“I noticed that both of the men, the driver and passenger, were very neat in appearance and looked like soldiers. I looked at the passenger, then the driver and looked again at the passenger. I noted that the passenger was the more handsome of the two men. I observed the men for approximately 3 to 4 continuous seconds”*. She said that there were no physical obstructions obscuring her view of the men, and that they were *“approximately 6 to 8 feet”* away from her as they stood at the front of her car on the footpath. She said that she was wearing her glasses at the time.

38. She went on to say: *“As the men stood on the footpath the passenger caught eye contact with myself and grinned at me. He looked calm and relaxed. The driver at this time was standing staring down Market Street towards Campsie Road. He appeared to have a serious expression on his face... both men then walked down Market Street at a normal pace”*. She said that she did not see them again after they walked past her car.
39. She went on to provide further descriptions of the men; she said that she would describe the passenger as a man in his mid-twenties, approximately 6 foot tall and of slim build. She said that he had dark coloured hair which was neatly cut. She said it was short in length. She described him as having a long face and a clear complexion. She said that he was clean shaven and that he *“would be described as a good looking man”*. She said: *“I can recall that the top half of his clothing was dark in colour but I’m not sure about the rest”*. She said that she would describe the driver as a man in his mid twenties, of a *“slightly heavier build than the passenger but was not fat”*. She said that *“he was about 5 foot nine inches tall. He had dirty fair coloured hair which was also neatly cut. He was clean shaven and was more sallow skinned than the passenger, with a slightly natural tanned look”*. She said she was *“not too sure about his clothing”*.
40. She stated that, a short time later, her mother returned to the car, and she drove out of Market Street parking behind Boots chemist. They continued shopping before returning to the car a short time later. She noted the time as she got into her car to be 14:30. She said that they left Omagh in her car and drove onwards.
41. Ms Buchanan gave oral evidence in *R v Hoey* on 4 October 2006. She confirmed her agreement with the key parts of her second statement dated 21 August 1998. She said that she left home at about 13:30 and parked outside Kells shop at *“approximately a quarter to two”*. She stayed in her car continuously until going to Boots. She knew that it was 14:30 when she went to Boots by the car clock. She estimated that the Cavalier came at *“approximately two o’clock”*. She said she had not looked at her watch.

7) Other potential sightings

42. A number of other people provided statements in relation to potential sightings of the bomb vehicle. These included the following:
- i. **Charles McCausland** said that as he was travelling towards Omagh from the hospital at approximately 11:30 or 11:45, he saw a maroon Vauxhall Cavalier which had to swerve to avoid his own car when he was turning it. He saw two male occupants in the front and provided descriptions of them. He believed he had seen the driver in Omagh over the previous six months and believed he may live in Omagh. He said that the Cavalier continued on towards the Hospital Road direction.
 - ii. **Shaun Reid** said that he saw two cars racing between Monaghan and Emyvale: one being a red/maroon vehicle with County Antrim, “DZ” plates, which was possibly a Vauxhall Cavalier and “*similar to the one used in the Omagh bomb*”. He said it had two young men in it, aged in their late teens to early twenties. He said that the other car was a big blue car. He said that this was at approximately 12:10/12:15 and that he was overtaken at speed by the vehicles. He said that at approximately 12:40 and 3 miles before Omagh, his vehicle was passed again by the red/maroon vehicle.
 - iii. **Elaine Sherry** said that on 15 August 1998 at approximately 13:00 she was with her husband and three children on their way to Donegal for a holiday. She said they stopped off in Aughnacloy. She said that her husband was driving their car and he stopped the car on the left-hand side of the street, as one travels towards Ballygawley, in order to buy chips in the Rainbow Café on the opposite side of the main street. She said that she remained in the car while her husband and their children went into the café for the takeaway.
 - iv. She said that about five minutes or so after her husband and children had entered the café, “*I saw three men leaving it and stopping on the footpath outside of the premises to have a brief conversation, before one of the men who had a beard walked across the street to a supermarket which was behind where I was sitting.*” She said she noticed that the other two men kept talking. She said that a couple of minutes later, the man with the beard walked across the street and joined them again. She said that they engaged in a brief conversation again before they split up

and walked towards their respective vehicles which were all parked in the main street in the vicinity of the café.

- v. She said that the tallest man was approximately 6 feet tall and *“very broad shouldered with a sturdy build”*. She said that he got into the driver’s seat of a large silver coloured jeep which had a Northern Ireland registration number of which she had no recollection. She said that *“the vehicle was parked double on the wide street, facing towards Armagh”*. She said she was unable to say what the make of the jeep was, but there was no one else in it. She said: *“this person was aged 45/50 years with short dark hair [and] clean shaven wearing an open neck white shirt with a broad band stripe on it.”*
- vi. She said that the second man, who had the beard, got into a blue-grey Peugeot small van which she said had a *“DL plate”* and which she thought started with ‘91’. She said that *“this vehicle was parked facing in towards the café. There was no writing or anything on the side of it.”* She said that this person was approximately *“5 foot 5 inches to 5 foot 6 inches tall, slim build with neat closely cropped white hair and well trimmed beard of the same colour, again similar age to the first man. He had on faded blue jeans and a dark T-shirt.”*
- vii. She said that *“the third man... was about 5 foot 10 inches tall, medium build with longish untidy dark brown wavy hair just below the collar and aged early 40’s, wearing a light coloured shirt and darker coloured trousers, made his way to a maroon coloured Vauxhall Cavalier car which was also double parked on the street, a short distance back from the jeep and also facing towards Armagh. I don’t recall the registration number but it was definitely a Northern Ireland plate.”*
- viii. She said that the drivers of the jeep and Cavalier waited until the van driver reversed out and took up a position directly behind the jeep before all three moved off in the direction of either Armagh, Dungannon or across the border. She said that each vehicle had only the driver in it. She said that she noticed that each vehicle had the opportunity between the traffic flow to move off individually, but they waited for the opportunity to move off together. She said: *“my impression was that the Cavalier driver was intent on staying behind the other two as if unsure of the area or*

whatever." She said that she remarked upon this to her husband, but he did not pass any remarks on it and she said in fact, he had not taken any notice of them.

- ix. She said that night in Donegal she heard about the Omagh explosion and it was not until she was back home again from her holidays that she heard on TV police appeals for information about a maroon coloured Cavalier. She thought about what she had seen in Aughnacloy, and that it may be of interest to police. She said she telephoned and passed it on.

- x. **Anonymous sighting.** A report by Detective Chief Superintendent Anderson dated 25 August 1998 refers to a sighting of a car at 13:58 on the day of the bombing at the PVCP (Permanent Vehicle Check Point) at Aughnacloy traveling northwards by "*a woman from Beragh, County Tyrone, who wished to remain anonymous.*" The report stated: "*she claims that she followed a vehicle through the PVCP and insists that the vehicle was a maroon coloured Vauxhall Cavalier, VRM MDZ5211.*"

- xi. DCS Anderson stated as follows:

"Examination of the video tape seized from the PVCP depicts the vehicle driven by the source of the information passing through at the above time. The vehicle immediately in front (which she claims was the bomb car) was not caught on the video. The camera covering vehicles leaving the PVCP was switched off at the relevant times".

- xii. **Gerry O'Boyle** said that he left his home at 13:30 to go to work in Newry. He said that as he was travelling towards the outskirts of Forkhill, he saw a large dull red saloon car in front of him "*with the registration MDZ 52 something*" which had a man in the middle of the back seat and a driver, but he was unsure if there was a front seat passenger. He said that the backseat passenger appeared to be giving directions. He provided descriptions of both men and said that the driver did not seem to know the roads as the car faltered at the junction and did not indicate its direction.

- xiii. **Ryan O'Connor** stated that at approximately 14:00 he saw a red coloured Vauxhall Cavalier, which he thought was a hatchback, in front of his own vehicle just before

crossing the border into the north at Aughnacloy. He said that the Cavalier had more than one person in it and he also saw a white coloured Peugeot 205 in front of the Cavalier. A white coloured Peugeot van with the registration OJI then overtook the vehicles. He later saw the white Peugeot van in Omagh: it had been pulled in by police at Coronation Cottages.

- xiv. **Cyril Patterson** stated that he saw a Belfast registered Vauxhall Cavalier with the registration MDZ parked in the vicinity of SD Kells, which was to the left hand side of his vehicle as he looked for a space to park on Market Street. Mr Patterson said that he had turned into Market Street at approximately 14:05.
43. There were also some sightings of Vauxhall Cavaliers alleged at or near the Swinging Bars roundabout in Omagh, which leads onto the Campsie Road:
- i. **Michael Slevin** said that he saw a maroon 4 door Vauxhall Cavalier, registration MDZ5211 at the roundabout at 13:00-13:10. He said it was coming from the Hospital Road to his left and it proceeded down the Campsie Road towards Omagh at speed, with only a driver in it.
- ii. **Oliver Crown** stated that from his vehicle he saw a saloon-type Vauxhall Cavalier, of an unknown colour and registration, at approximately 13:45 parked at the roundabout in a dangerous position, facing towards the town. He gave a description of the male driver and the female front seat passenger of the car, and said that the driver appeared to be studying a map.

The Inquiry Legal Team, 28 August 2026.