

Witness Name: Colin Michael Wilderspin

Statement No: WITN0224028

Dated: 7 January 2026

IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTTINGHAM INQUIRY

THIRD WITNESS STATEMENT OF COLIN MICHAEL WILDERSPIN

I, **Colin Michael Wilderspin** c/o Nottingham City Council, Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham NG2 3NG, will say as follows: -

- 1 I am employed by Nottingham City Council ('the Council') as the Strategic Director of Communities and have held that position since December 2023.
- 2 I make this statement in response to the Rule 9 request from the Nottingham Inquiry ('the Inquiry') dated 3 June 2025. In particular, this statement addresses issues regarding the ownership, management and purpose of Seely Hurst House, 62-68 Mapperley Road, Nottingham NG3 5AS, occasionally referred to as 'Seely Hirst House'.
- 3 Where the contents of this statement are within my personal knowledge it is true. Where it is outside my personal knowledge and derived from other sources it is true to the best of my information and belief.

Preliminary matters

- 4 I note Seely Hurst House is occasionally referred to as 'Seely Hirst House' in the records. For the sake of consistency, this statement will refer to the property in question as 'Seely Hurst House'.

Ownership of Seely Hurst House

- 5 I confirm that the Council does not own or manage Seely Hurst House. Seely Hurst House, and its neighbouring property, 68 Mapperley Road, were previously owned by the Council. I understand that Seely Hurst House currently operates as supported accommodation used to house homeless individuals. In the past, the property has been used for a number of various housing solutions including a care home for over 65s.
- 6 I attach as marked exhibit [WITN0224029] and [WITN0224030] official copies of the title register for Seely Hurst House and 68 Mapperley Road. The records show that Seely Hurst House was sold to Huntingdon Properties 1 Ltd on 20 July 1979. The same company went on to purchase a neighbouring property, 68 Mapperley Road, from the Council on 28 May 1981.
- 7 I confirm that the Council has not been involved in the ownership of Seely Hurst House since it was sold in 1979. According to the Land Registry records, the properties remain in the hands of Huntingdon Properties 1 Ltd to date [WITN0224029].

Management of Seely Hurst House

- 8 I am asked about the management of Seely Hurst House, in particular at the time of the attacks on 13 June 2023.
- 9 I would like to stress from the outset that the services provided at Seely Hurst House are not commissioned or managed by the Council and therefore it has very little information about its management, function and broader purpose.
- 10 The accommodation is not used by Nottingham City Council Housing Solutions, which is our statutory homeless service, nor does it signpost to the service.
- 11 On review of the Care Quality Commission ('CQC') website, it appears that Seely Hurst House previously operated as a registered care home with services provided by an organisation called the Trustees of Seely Hirst House. This confirms that the Trustees of Seely Hirst House is no longer registered with the CQC to provide health and adult care services. The webpages for the Trustees of Seely Hirst House and Seely Hurst House have been archived since 8 June 2016 (<https://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/1-101611729>) and 7 December 2020 (<https://www.cqc.org.uk/location/1-2567216345>) respectively.
- 12 According to the CQC inspection report published on 27 April 2016, the Trustees of Seely Hirst House provided accommodation for up to 38 people

with needs associated with dementia and physical health conditions. A copy of the inspection report is exhibited to this statement at [WITN0224031].

- 13 It seems that Trustees of Seely Hirst House no longer operate Seely Hurst House and that it underwent a change of management before the attacks took place on 13 June 2023.
- 14 I believe that Seely Hurst House was under the management of All Saints Homeless Shelter CIO on 13 June 2023. Around the time of the attacks, the Council had issued an HMO declaration in respect of Seely Hurst House. All Saints Homeless Shelter CIO went on to challenge this decision in the First-Tier Tribunal and had been actively engaging in the legal proceedings at the time of the attacks. I exhibit a copy of the First-Tier Tribunal decision on the matter at [WITN0224032], which was handed down on 26 June 2023, thirteen days after the attacks.
- 15 According to the Tribunal decision, Seely Hurst House is a multi-bedroom house, which at the time of the decision, was being used as a hostel for homeless men [WITN0224032]. The property consists of two semi-detached houses which are connected by a full height extension. The four houses are of brick, and has in the region of 36 bedrooms, some with toilet and washing facilities.
- 16 I am not aware if Seely Hurst House has been operated as a facility for those discharged from mental health treatment in the period from 2017 to the present

day. I am also unable to confirm, due to lack of knowledge, whether the property has provided mental health care and treatment in that same period.

17 I do not know how Seely Hurst House came to be managed by All Saints Homeless Shelter CIO or indeed if it is still managed by that organisation.

18 Due to our limited involvement in the management and operation of Seely Hurst House, I am unable to confirm or deny whether there have been any attempts by other individuals to break into or enter Seely Hurst House without permission.

Reports of anti-social behaviour at Seely Hurst House

19 The Council receives reports of anti-social behaviour ('ASB') from residents as the authority responsible for investigating incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Nottingham city area. Where appropriate, the Council is also responsible for taking enforcement action against individuals found to be participating in ASB by issuing Community Protection Notices ('CPNs').

20 I confirm the Council has previously received reports of ASB occurring at Seely Hurst House. Attached to this statement is a summary spreadsheet setting out reports of anti-social behaviour received from August 2021 to June 2024 and the actions taken by the Council to respond to the complaints [WITN0224033]. The spreadsheet data shows that a majority of complaints concerned loud noises coming from Seely Hurst House, along with more recent reports of fly tipping at the property.

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: **GRO-B**

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Dated: 07/01/2026

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No	Inquiry URN	Document Description
1	WITN0224029	Official Copy of Register of Title NT106550 dated 19 November 2023
2	WITN0224030	Official Copy of Register of Title NT127659 dated 19 November 2023
3	WITN0224031	Care Quality Commission, Seely Hirst House Inspection Report dated 27 April 2016
4	WITN0224032	First-Tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) Decision: All Saints Homeless Shelter CIO v Nottingham City Council
5	WITN0224033	Spreadsheet of ASB reports from August 2021 to June 2024