



IN THE MATTER OF AN APPEAL TO THE FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL

Appeal No: EA/ 2012/0051

STEPHEN MCINTYRE

Appellant

and

THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Respondent

and

UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA

Second Respondent

INITIAL DIRECTIONS

UPON READING the Notice of Appeal and the Information Commissioner's Reply:

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Order of Joinder and Response

1. The University of East Anglia be joined as a party to these proceedings.
2. A copy of all documents so far served on the Tribunal in this appeal be served on the Second Respondent.
3. The Second Respondent shall serve on the Tribunal its Response to the appeal on or before **9 May 2012**.

Preliminary Hearing

4. There will be a preliminary hearing by way of a telephone conference to deal with the management of the case, and to make directions for the final disposal of this matter, at 2pm on **18 May 2012**, with a time estimate of 1 hour.
5. The parties are to use their best endeavours to agree directions in advance of the preliminary hearing, choosing such parts as appropriate from the Possible Directions sent to them, together with such other directions as are appropriate to the case.

6. Three working days before the preliminary hearing, the Respondent shall provide a copy of the draft directions by e-mail to the Tribunal and to the other parties by email (if applicable) and in hard copy, stating which items are agreed and which, if any, are not agreed.

Communications

7. Throughout this appeal, the parties may only lodge evidence, submissions or other documents with the Tribunal in accordance with these or further directions or with leave of the Tribunal. In particular, although the parties may need to exchange communications with each other for the purposes of complying with these directions, the parties should not copy the Tribunal in on such communications unless they are relevant to any further directions being sought from the Tribunal.
8. Throughout this appeal, any communication sent by a party to the Tribunal shall be copied at the same time and by the same means of communication to all other parties, and it shall state that this has been done, except where so copying it would reveal information which needs to be treated in confidence, in which case it shall contain a statement to the latter effect.
9. Any act required by these directions to be done by a particular date must be done before 5pm on that day.

Objections

10. If a party objects to any of these directions, it shall provide its written objection to the Tribunal within 5 calendar days of the date of this order.

Note: The parties should refer to the Practice Notes attached or available at:

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/guidance/courts-and-tribunals/tribunals/information-rights/appeals/how-to-appeal.htm>

Signed:

Judge Taylor

17 April 2012