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SUPREME COURT ORDERS PLAN B VOLUNTEER TO PAY £15K GOVERNMENT COSTS

Six weeks after his trial for breaching the embargo on the Heathrow judgment, the Supreme Court has ordered Tim Crosland, a full-time volunteer for Plan B, to pay the Government £15K costs by 12 July, in addition to the £5K fine imposed on 10 May. The Court has failed to provide any reasoning in support of this ruling.

Although the Court's [order is dated 10 May](#), it was in fact only issued on 21 June.

Tim Crosland said:

“It’s strange that the Supreme Court has offered no explanation for this oppressive and arbitrary order, issued six weeks after the trial. Was the Court influenced by the successful crowd-funder for the £5K fine? In the absence of any reasons, it’s difficult to say. I’ve asked the Court to explain why the order is dated 10 May, when in reality it was only issued yesterday. It has not responded.

The Government knew Heathrow expansion would breach the 1.5°C Paris temperature limit on which our collective survival depends, but concealed that information from the public. That should be the real concern, not retaliation against the whistle-blower.

I will appeal the Court’s unjust ruling. The appeal will be heard by a different panel of the Supreme Court - an interesting one for the constitutional lawyers. We’re in the midst of a tragically predictable global crisis, with people already dying and being displaced at scale and the future of our young people hanging by a thread. Where’s the sense of perspective in all this? Who are the real criminals?”

Notes for editors

- The general principle for costs in criminal cases is that any costs order should not exceed the fine: [The Practice Direction \(Costs In Criminal Proceedings\) 2015 \[2015\] EWCA Crim 1568 Consolidated With Amendment No. 1 \[2016\] EWCA Crim 98](#), section 3(7)
- The court order, dated 10 May, but issued on 21 June is [here](#).
- For support for Tim’s position from Sir David King, Caroline Lucas, Dr James Hansen and others, and for some background to the wider case, see [here](#)

- For the BBC report of the Government's apparent breach of the Court embargo in the case of Shamima Begum, see [here](#)

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