



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

10 MAY 2021

*Before:*

Lord Lloyd-Jones

Lord Hamblen

Lord Stephens

**In the matter of R (on the application of Friends of the Earth Limited  
and others) v Heathrow Airport Limited**

**and**

**In the matter of Her Majesty's Attorney General v Crosland**

**AFTER CONSIDERATION OF** the application for the committal of the Respondent, filed on 12 February 2021 and

**AFTER HEARING** Counsel for the Applicant and the Respondent in person

**THE COURT** being satisfied that, by disclosing the outcome of the Court's judgment in *R (on the application Friends of the Earth & Ors) v Heathrow Airport Limited* on 15 December 2020, while the judgment was still in draft and subject to an embargo, knowing that such disclosure was prohibited by the Court, the Respondent committed contempt of court

**IT IS ORDERED THAT**

1. For his contempt of court as proved to the Court, the Respondent pay to HM Paymaster General a fine of £5,000, such fine to be paid by 5 July 2021

2. In the event of non-payment, the Applicant may enforce the fine in like manner as a judgment of the High Court for the payment of money in accordance with section 16(1)(a) and (2) of the Contempt of Court Act 1981
3. The Respondent pay the Applicant his costs of these proceedings, in the sum of £15,000 to be paid by 12 July 2021
4. The judgment of the Court given on 10 May 2021 be transcribed and published on the website of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom
5. If permission to appeal against the finding of contempt, the penalty imposed and the order for costs is required, the Respondent be granted permission to appeal to a differently constituted panel of the Supreme Court
6. If so advised the Respondent shall by 19 July 2021 file and serve a notice of intention to proceed with the appeal, together with grounds of appeal and, subject to any directions given by the panel of Justices hearing any appeal, the parties shall file and serve documents for the appeal in accordance with the provisions of the Rules and Practice Directions which regulate appeals to the Supreme Court.

*Louise di Mambro,*

Registrar  
10 May 2021