



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION
DIVISIONAL COURT

BEFORE THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD JUSTICE LEWIS and THE
HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE FARBEY DBE

AC-2025-LON-001516

BETWEEN

THE KING
On the application of
(1) CBW, (2) GUN, (3) NEA, (4) HCH

Claimants

- and -

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT

Defendant

Order

UPON paragraph 1 of the Order of Mr Justice Kimblin dated 7 January 2026 in the claims brought by Wilson Solicitors LLP challenging the Defendant's policy titled "Nationality: good character requirement, Version 6.0" ("**Good Character Policy v6**"), varied by the Order of Mr Justice Kimblin dated 2 March 2026, granting permission to apply for judicial review and designating Lead Claims, namely CBW (AC-2025-LON-001516), GUN (AC-2025-LON-003713), NEA (AC-2025-LON-004307) and HCH (AC-2025-LON-003714), for consideration of the lawfulness of the Good Character Policy v6;

AND UPON the Defendant publishing new policy guidance dated 30 April 2026 entitled "Nationality: good character requirement, Version 7.0", replacing the Good Character Policy v6;

AND UPON the Defendant on 22 May 2026 confirming to the legal representatives of GUN, NEA and HCH that she was content to withdraw the reconsideration decisions maintaining the decision to refuse British citizenship to GUN, NEA and HCH, that the decisions will be withdrawn and that the applications would be considered afresh;

AND UPON the Defendant on 29 May 2026 indicating in her Skeleton Argument that she was content to withdraw both the initial decisions and the reconsideration decisions to refuse British citizenship to GUN, NEA and HCH and make fresh decisions in respect of them;

AND UPON, the Defendant confirming by email to the Court on 5 June 2026 that the decisions had been withdrawn and the applications for naturalisation of GUN, NEA and HCH will be determined by the Defendant afresh;

AND UPON the Court refusing an application for other claimants to be added to these claims and this being dealt with in a separate order made in those claims (AC-2025-LON-003663 and AC-2025-LON-004613);

AND UPON the Defendant giving an undertaking to provide to the court and the Claimants by close of business on 11 June 2026 a witness statement attaching evidence confirming the decisions had been withdrawn;

AND UPON the Claimants CBW, GUN, NEA and HCH applying to withdraw their claims and that application being unopposed by the Defendant;

UPON hearing Mr David Chirico KC, Victoria Laughton and Catherine Robinson for the Claimants and Mr Edward Brown KC, Jack Anderson and Naomi Hart for the Defendant;

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Claimants CBW, GUN, NEA and HCH do have permission to withdraw their applications for judicial review, and the claims are hereby withdrawn.
2. The Claimants' pending applications for permission (i) to rely on a skeleton argument more than 25 pages long; and (ii) to rely on an additional ground are consequently refused as academic.
3. The Defendant shall pay the costs of the claims brought by GUN, NEA and HCH on the standard basis, to be assessed if not agreed.

4. There shall be no order as to costs in respect of the claim brought by CBW.
5. There shall be a detailed assessment of the Claimants' publicly funded costs in accordance with the Civil Legal Aid (Costs) Regulations 2013 and CPR r.47.18.

Dated 9 June 2026

BY THE COURT