



**IN THE COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL**

**CASE NO. 1735/13/12/2025 (W)**

**BETWEEN**

**THE COMPETITION AND MARKETS AUTHORITY**

**Applicant/Respondent**

**and**

**GASKELLS (NORTH WEST) LIMITED**

**Defendant/Applicant**

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**ORDER**

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**UPON** receipt of an application for a warrant by the Competition and Markets Authority (“CMA”) in respect of a premises occupied by Gaskells (North West) Limited (“Gaskells”) on 9 June 2025

**AND UPON** the Order of the President dated 13 June 2025 issuing the warrant to the CMA in respect of Gaskells’ premises

**AND UPON** receipt of the Application Notice (Form N244) and the enclosed application (the “Gaskells Application”) made by Gaskells seeking further information in respect of the documents related to the CMA’s warrant application (the “Warrant Documents”)

**AND UPON** provision by the CMA of the redacted Warrant Documents to Gaskells

**AND UPON** Gaskells maintaining its application seeking disclosure of the redacted portions of the Warrant Documents

**AND UPON** considering written submissions filed by the parties in advance of and hearing counsel for Gaskells and the CMA at the hearing held on 3 September 2025

**AND UPON** the Tribunal’s judgment ([2025] CAT 50) dated 8 September 2025 on the Gaskells Application and its confidential *ex tempore* judgment delivered on 3 September 2025

**AND HAVING REGARD TO** the powers contained within the Competition Act 1998

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The CMA's claims for public interest immunity in relation to all redacted portions of the Warrant Documents are upheld.
2. The Gaskells Application is refused.
3. The parties should file any written submissions in relation to costs by 4pm on Friday 12 September 2025 and any reply submissions in relation to costs by 4pm on Friday 19 September 2025. Subject to any views expressed by the parties, the Tribunal will deal with costs on the papers.

**Mr Ben Tidswell**

Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 8 September 2025

Drawn: 8 September 2025