

IN THE COMPETITION APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case No: 1782/7/7/26

BETWEEN:

HOCR LIMITED

Applicant/Proposed Class Representative

- v -

(1) BARRATT REDROW PLC
(2) REDROW LIMITED (FORMERLY REDROW PLC)
(3) BELLWAY PLC
(4) THE BERKELEY GROUP PLC
(5) BLOOR HOMES LIMITED
(6) PERSIMMON PLC
(7) TAYLOR WIMPEY PLC
(8) VISTRY GROUP PLC
(9) COUNTRYSIDE PARTNERSHIPS LIMITED (FORMERLY COUNTRYSIDE PARTNERSHIPS PLC)

Respondents/Proposed Defendants

ORDER

UPON reading the Applicant's/Proposed Class Representative's (**PCR**) application filed on 24 June 2026 for a Collective Proceedings Order pursuant to section 47B of the Competition Act 1998 and Rule 75 of the Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules (S.I. 2015 No. 1648) (the **Tribunal Rules**) and served on the Proposed Defendants on 29 June 2026 (the **CPO Application**)

AND UPON the Parties having filed on 22 October 2026 an agreed draft directions order for the Tribunal's consideration

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

FORUM

1. Pursuant to Rules 18, 52 and 74 of the Tribunal Rules, the CPO Application be treated as proceedings in England and Wales.

PUBLICITY

2. The PCR shall publicise the CPO Application in the form agreed between the parties within one week of its form being approved by the Tribunal. The PCR shall file with the Tribunal a draft notice for approval by **4pm** on **20 November 2026**. This publication shall include reference to:

   (a) the right under Rule 76(10)(c) of the Tribunal Rules of persons with an interest to object to the CPO Application or the authorisation of the PCR and the deadline for such objection; and

   (b) the right under Rule 79(5) of the Tribunal Rules of members of the proposed class to make an application to the Tribunal for permission to make written and/or oral submissions at the hearing of the CPO Application.

OBJECTIONS TO THE CPO APPLICATION AND APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION TO MAKE OBSERVATIONS

3. Any person with an interest (including any member of the proposed class) may object to the CPO Application or the authorisation of the PCR by writing to the Tribunal stating their reasons for objecting by **4pm** on **5 May 2027**.

4. Any member of the proposed class may also seek permission to make written and/or oral submissions at the CPO Application hearing, by making an application for such permission, with reasons, as part of his/her written objections.

5. Any third party with a legitimate interest (who is not a member of the proposed class) who seeks permission to make written and/or oral observations at the CPO Application hearing is to make such application, supported by reasons, to the Tribunal by **4pm** on **5 May 2027**.

RESPONSES AND REPLIES

6. The Proposed Defendants shall file and serve a single, consolidated response to the CPO Application (the **Joint Response**), with liberty for each Proposed Defendant to file an annex of no more than 15 pages to the Joint Response incorporating any individual responses on points that are not pursued by all Proposed Defendants, together with any expert or factual evidence relied on in support, and any application made pursuant to Rule 79(4) of the Tribunal Rules, by **4pm** on **29 January 2027**. Any expert evidence filed should total no more than 70 pages in length.

7. Any annex filed pursuant to paragraph 6 shall not duplicate any matters addressed in the Joint Response or in any other annex filed pursuant to paragraph 6.

8. Any non-economic expert evidence filed pursuant to paragraph 6 shall be limited to a single report per subject matter.

9. Any economic expert evidence filed in support of an annex to the Joint Response shall not duplicate any matters addressed in any economic expert evidence filed in support of the Joint Response.

10. The PCR shall file and serve any Reply to the Joint Response, together with any expert or factual evidence relied on in support, and any response to any application made pursuant to Rule 79(4) of the Tribunal Rules, by **4pm** on **9 April 2027**. Any expert evidence filed should total no more than 30 pages in length.

SKELETON ARGUMENTS AND BUNDLES

11. The PCR shall circulate to the Proposed Defendants a draft index for the hearing bundle and a draft index for the authorities bundle by **4pm** on **12 May 2027**. The Proposed Defendants shall provide any proposed additions or amendments to those indices by **4pm** on **19 May 2027**.

12. The parties shall seek to agree the hearing and authorities bundle for the CPO Application hearing by **4pm** on **26 May 2027**.

13. The PCR shall file an agreed electronic version of the bundle for the hearing by **4pm** on **2 June 2027**.

14. The parties shall file and exchange skeleton arguments (with bundle cross-referencing) for the hearing of the CPO Application by **4pm** on **3 June 2027**. The Proposed Defendants shall file a single, consolidated skeleton argument (the **Joint Skeleton**), with liberty for each Proposed Defendant to file a supplemental skeleton argument of no more than five pages that does not duplicate any matters addressed in the Joint Skeleton.

15. The PCR shall file an agreed electronic authorities bundle for the hearing by **4pm** on **4 June 2027**.

16. Hard copy versions of electronic bundles, if requested by the Registry, are to be provided to the Tribunal as soon as possible following such a request being made.

HEARING OF THE CPO APPLICATION

17. The hearing of the CPO Application shall be listed for **16 June 2027**, with a time estimate of two days and one day in reserve. In the event that the parties' time estimate for the hearing changes, they shall notify the Tribunal without delay.

GENERAL

18. By agreement the parties may vary without further order any deadline in this Order (except for those under paragraphs 11 to 15) for a period or periods of up to 14 days in total without reference to the Tribunal provided that they inform the Tribunal of such agreement in advance of the expiry of the relevant deadline and the extension does not affect the date of the CPO Application hearing.

19. Costs in the case.

20. There shall be liberty to apply.

The Hon. Mrs Justice O'Farrell
Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 2 November 2026
Drawn: 2 November 2026