



**In the High Court of Justice
King's Bench Division
Administrative Court**

AC-2026-LON-000016
05 Jan 2026

LONDON
ADMINISTRATIVE COURT
AC-2026-LON-000016

In the matter of an application for Judicial Review and interim relief

THE KING

on the application of

AKISIA DIVINE

Claimant

-and-

THURROCK COUNCIL

Defendant

On an application by the Claimant for interim relief

Following consideration of the documents lodged by the Claimant and the Defendant's response, and following consideration of the order of Mr Justice Sheldon dated 24 December 2025, and following consideration of the further documents lodged by the Claimant in support of an application for urgent interim relief

ORDER BY THE HON. MS JUSTICE NORTON

1. Prohibitory injunction:

- (a) The Defendant is prohibited from implementing or enforcing the Selective Licensing Scheme subject of this application until a decision on the application for permission for judicial review has been determined, or until further order.
- (b) The Defendant may apply to vary or discharge paragraph 2(a) above, any such application to be served on each party.

*****THIS IS A [MANDATORY/PROHIBITORY] INJUNCTION. BREACH MAY GIVE RISE TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. IT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS SET ASIDE BY A COURT, EVEN IF AN APPLICATION TO VARY OR DISCHARGE IT HAS BEEN MADE UNDER**

PARAGRAPH 2(b) ABOVE***

2. Abridgement of time and expedition:

- (a) The directions given by Sheldon J on 24 December 2025 at paragraphs 2 and 3 of that order are maintained. Dates for service of the AOS and reply, should be calculated from the date of that order as previously directed.
- (b) The decision whether interim relief should be maintained, varied or discharged should be considered by the judge dealing with the application for permission; the applications are to be placed before a judge within 48 hours of the lodging of the Claimant's reply as previously directed.

REASONS

- (1) It is unclear whether, when Sheldon J made the order on 24 December adjourning a decision on interim relief until a date some weeks hence, that the scheme subject of the application was due to come into effect from 5 January, and that unless the relevant licence fees were paid by that date, the fee due would be significantly higher. Delaying a decision on interim relief until after that date would have the effect of rendering the relief sought academic. The balance of convenience therefore favours a limited interim order for a very short period until the substantive application can be considered by a judge.
- (2) Notwithstanding the above, on the face of the papers, it would appear that the Claimant may be out of time as the decision complained about was made on 17 September, but the application was only lodged on 23 December 2025.
- (3) Furthermore, there are questions concerning the claimant's standing. She at various points describes herself as 'the claimant', 'a spokesperson and McKenzie Friend acting on behalf of private landlords in Thurrock', and 'a tenant residing in Thurrock'. It is entirely unclear who comprises 'the collective' of private landlords for whom she maintains she is acting.

Signed: **MS JUSTICE NORTON**

Date: 5 January 2026

The date of service of this order is calculated from the date in the section below

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