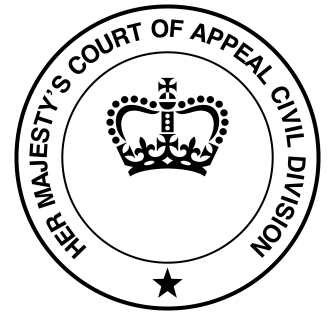


**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL, CIVIL DIVISION**



REF: C1/2020/0395 A

Berry –v– Solicitor General

**ORDER made by the Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Lewison**

On consideration of the application for a stay of contempt proceedings  
And on consideration of the papers and without an oral hearing

**Decision:**

REFUSED

**Reasons**

1. The application notice names a long list of persons who should be served with the application, including the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Prime Minister. They have nothing to do with the case.
2. The information contained in box 10 of the application notice is unintelligible and provides no reason why the listed hearing should not go ahead.
3. The only point of any substance appears to be the assertion that the Appellant is unrepresented. But since she faces an application for committal, she is entitled to legal aid for a representative.
4. The allegations of contempt against the Government Legal Department are vague in the extreme and are not supported either by detailed allegations or evidence. If there are legitimate complaints about the actions of the Government Legal Department they may be ventilated at the forthcoming hearing. It will be for the judge presiding at that hearing to decide whether they have any substance.

**Notes:**

- 1) Where an application (other than an application for permission to appeal) has been refused on the papers, the applicant may request that the decision be reconsidered.
- 2) An application for reconsideration must be filed within 7 days after the party is served with notice of the decision.
- 3) The reconsideration will be determined by the same or another judge on paper without an oral hearing; except that the judge determining the reconsideration on paper may direct that the reconsideration be determined at an oral hearing, and must so direct if the judge is of the opinion that the reconsideration cannot be fairly determined on paper without an oral hearing: see CPR 52.24.

Date: 17 July 2020