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Dear Mr & Mrs Pedro

Judicial Review Letter of Claim dated 29 April 2014

I am instructed by Lincolnshire County Council ("**the Council**") in relation to this matter. I am in receipt of your judicial review letter of claim against Lincolnshire Police dated 29 April 2014. You have indicated that the Council are an Interested Party in your proposed claim.

The Council are not in a position to nor would it be appropriate for them to comment on the decisions subject to challenge. However, the Council do consider that it is important to clarify the factual position regarding the meeting between the Council and the Portuguese Authorities that took place on 17 April 2014. You rely upon the outcome of that meeting in support of your grounds of challenge.

Whilst it is correct that the Council held discussions with the Portuguese Embassy about the future care of the children on 17 April 2014, the Council have not agreed that the children should return to Portugal. Further work and discussions are required before the Council will be able to confirm their position in this regard. It is also important to understand that should a decision be made that the children should be returned to Portugal under an agreed plan, the Portuguese Government have confirmed that they have no intention to return the children to your care or that of your extended family.

In the circumstances, as no final outcome was agreed at the meeting that took place on 17 April 2014 as to the future care of the children, the Council fails to see how that meeting can have any bearing on the decisions you seek to challenge.

I confirm that a copy of this letter is being sent to Lincolnshire Police and the other parties you have listed as Interested Parties within your letter.

Yours sincerely



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