

# Southport Inquiry

## Phase 2 Core Participant Application Form

This form is to assist those who wish to apply to be a core participant in Phase 2 of the Southport Public Inquiry.

More details about core participants and the process for making an application can be found within the Protocol on applications for core participant status, which can be found [here](#).

Applicants are asked to use this form to make an application. All applications must comply with the requirements of the Protocol on applications for core participant status and contain the information which is set out below.

The Inquiry will treat all information received in accordance with its [Privacy Information Notice](#)

If you require any assistance in completing this form or if you have questions about the process more generally and wish to speak to a member of the Inquiry team, you can contact the Inquiry by email at [solicitor@southport.public-inquiry.uk](mailto:solicitor@southport.public-inquiry.uk).

All completed forms should be marked for the attention of the Solicitor to the Inquiry and sent to the email address above. The Inquiry must receive the completed form by **4pm on 15 May 2026** in order for the Chair to consider the application.

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Contact Details	
Full name:	
Postal address:	
Email address:	
Telephone number:	

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Status	
If you are applying on behalf of an organisation, or anyone else, please provide their details.	
Do you have legal representation?  If yes, please provide the name of your lawyer, their firm, and contact details.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Name:  Firm:  Postal address:  Email address:  Telephone number:
If your answer to the above question was no, do you intend to obtain legal representation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know
<b>A. Relationship to the Inquiry's subject matter [tailor this in line with the ToR and or Inquiry's approach to ToR].</b>  What is your (or your organisation's) role in identifying, assessing, or	

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managing individuals who present risks of serious violence?

How does your work intersect with multi-agency arrangements such as Prevent, YOTs, policing, or safeguarding systems?

Do you hold operational or strategic responsibility for any systems relevant to VFIs?

## **B. Expertise and Evidence Contribution**

What expertise do you have in the psychology, behaviour, or management of violence-fixated individuals?

What data, case studies, research or insight can you provide that would materially assist the Inquiry?

Have you previously conducted evaluations or reviews of relevant interventions or risk-management frameworks?

## **C. Impact and Experience**

Have you or those you represent been directly affected by incidents involving VFIs. Can you describe the cohort you

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represent and their range of experience?

Can you describe any specific failings, gaps or systemic issues you have witnessed in managing VFIs?

## **D. Perspective on Effectiveness and Barriers**

What experience do you have of barriers that exist in identifying or managing VFIs or of barriers to enforcement of restrictions on online purchases of offensive weapons and bladed articles?

Do you have insight into the effectiveness of current laws or policies on offensive weapons, online harms or threat management frameworks?

Do you have knowledge of the effectiveness of identification and compliance systems at disrupting high risk individuals purchasing offensive weapons and articles with a point or blade online?

## **E. Online and Digital /Infrastructure/landscape?**

Do you have relevant experience in online harms,

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content moderation, or analysing online behaviour related to extreme violence by individuals?

What knowledge can you contribute about how internet platforms enable VFIs to plan or prepare violent acts?

## **F. Potential for Criticism or Institutional Accountability**

Do you consider your organisation may be subject to criticism based on the Inquiry's TOR? If so, please explain.

Do you believe you require CP status to access disclosure or respond adequately to issues raised? If so, why?

## **Additional information**

Are there any other the topics (with reference to the paragraph number, if any, of the Terms of Reference) on which you could provide assistance to the Inquiry.

*The Inquiry's Terms of Reference can be accessed [here](#)*

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Consent	
Please confirm that you consent to being designated a Core Participant if your application is granted.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please confirm that you consent to your name being published in a list of Core Participants on the Inquiry website, and in any Inquiry reports, if your application is granted.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>If your answer to the above question was no, please detail whether you intend to apply for a Restriction Order, and why.</p> <p><i>The Inquiry's Protocol on Restrictions Orders can be found <a href="#">here</a></i></p>	

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## Any Further Information

Please use this space to provide any further information that you think the Inquiry should consider in connection with your application to be granted Core Participant status.

## Declaration

I confirm that the information I have given in this form is true.

**Signed:**

**Name:**

**Dated:**