

**IN THE FAMILY COURT AT HASTINGS CASE NO: : : SD25F00026**

**B E T W E E N:-**

**GEORGIA CHAPMAN  
APPLICANT**

**-AND-**

**EDWARD DISCOMBE  
RESPONDENT**

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**FOR HEARING ON 06<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 02.30 PM SITTING AT HASTINGS**

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**IN THE FAMILY COURT AT HASTINGS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FAMILY LAW ACT 1996 (Part IV)**

**AS AMENDED BY THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (CRIMES & VICTIMS) ACT 2004**

**BETWEEN**

**GEORGIA CHAPMAN**

**APPLICANT**

**AND**

**EDWARD DISCOMBE**

**RESPONDENT**

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**CHRONOLOGY**

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**Date                      Event**

07.05.2001    The Applicant is born.

22.06.1996    The Respondent is born.

08.01.2025    The Application for Non-molestation order.

08.01.2025    Applicant Witness Statement.

16.01.2025    Non-Molestation Order made by DDJ Parkes.

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**SCHEDULE OF ISSUES**

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1. The Court is asked to adjudicate on whether the Non-Molestation Order  
Should continue or not.
  
2. Any further directions to proceed with the matter.

# Apply for a non-molestation or occupation order

Family Law Act 1996 (Part 4)



You can use this form to apply for a:

- **Non-molestation order:** Protects you and any relevant child from abuse or harassment. This order can also prevent someone coming to or near your home.
- **Occupation order:** The court decides who should live in, or return to, the home or any part of it.

**There are no court fees for applying.** You can apply for either order or both, depending on your situation.

## CourtNav can help you apply for an order

**CourtNav** is an online tool (provided by RCJ Citizens Advice) that will help you in putting together your application. The tool will also put you in touch with legal advisors to discuss your options.

Visit <https://injunction.courtnav.org.uk> to register and apply. If you choose to use **CourtNav**, you will not need to complete this FL401 form or a supporting statement – **CourtNav** will complete both for you.

## Support if you are experiencing domestic abuse

Visit [www.gov.uk/report-domestic-abuse](http://www.gov.uk/report-domestic-abuse) for a list of organisations that can provide help and advice about domestic abuse. Call 999 if it's an emergency or you're in immediate danger

## Applications without the respondent being told

In exceptional circumstances, such as your safety is immediately threatened, the court may make an order without telling the 'respondent' (the person the order is against). This is called an 'ex parte' or 'without notice' order. It means the court can consider your application without the respondent present. A hearing will be held later and the respondent will be given notice to attend. You can request this in section 1 of this form. You must tell the court why you are applying for a without notice order and what you think might happen if the court does not grant it.

## If you want to keep your information confidential

If you do not want your or your child's contact details to be shared with the respondent, do not put these in at any point on the form, even when asked. Instead complete a confidential contact details (C8) form and send it with this application. Visit GOV.UK and search form 'C8'.

**Do not include your contact details on any other documents sent to the court, such as supporting evidence.**

If you are living in a refuge, it is very important that you keep your address details confidential and only include the address details on a form C8.

## To be completed by the court

Court name

HASTINGS

Date issued

Day	Month	Year					
1	6	0	1	2	0	2	4

Case number

SD25F00026

## Before you start

How old are you?

- 18 years old or older.** You can continue to apply using this form.
- 16 to 18 years old.** Someone over 18 must help you apply, such as a parent. They will also need to complete form '**FP9**' to include with your application.
- Under 16 years old.** You will need permission from the court to apply. With the help of someone over 18, you must also complete form '**FP2**' and they will need to complete form '**FP9**' and include these with your application. Visit GOV.UK and search form '**FP2**' and form '**FP9**'.

**CourtNav** - If you choose to use **CourtNav**, you will not need to complete this FL401 form or a supporting statement – **CourtNav** will complete both for you. Visit <https://injunction.courtnav.org.uk> to register and apply.

## 1. Your situation

### 1.1 Which order(s) are you applying for?

- Non-molestation order** – to stop abusive behaviour
- Occupation order** – to decide who lives in or can return to a property

**Note 1.1:** ‘Molestation’ is a word used in law and by the court to cover all kinds of unwanted, harassing and abusive behaviours.

### Without notice orders

The court may, in any case where it considers that it is just and convenient to do so, make an occupation order or a non-molestation order even though the respondent has not been given prior notice of the proceedings, as would otherwise be required by rules of court.

Please see the guidance on the right to help work out if this may be an option for you.

**1.2** Do you want to apply for the order without giving notice to the respondent?

Yes

No. **Go to question 1.5**

**1.3** Why do you want to apply without giving notice to the respondent? You can select more than one reason – see guidance note for help.

- a)** there is risk of significant harm to me or a relevant child, attributable to conduct of the respondent, if the order is not made immediately
- b)** it is likely that I will be deterred or prevented from pursuing the application if an order is not made immediately
- c)** I believe that the respondent is aware of the proceedings but is deliberately evading service and that I or a relevant child will be seriously prejudice by the delay in effecting substituted service

**Note 1.2 and 1.3:** This is sometimes called ‘ex parte’ and means the order can be made without the respondent knowing in advance. This is only an option if:

- you think there’s a risk that the respondent may try to harm you or your child **(a)**
- you feel like you may be prevented or put off from applying if an order is not made immediately **(b)**
- you think the respondent will try to avoid court proceedings, including being served with the order\* – and any delay caused by this could affect your application or the health, safety or wellbeing of you or your child **(c)**

## Notifying the respondent of the application and order

**You must not serve the application or order yourself.** If you do not have a legal representative you can apply for a court official to serve these for you for free. Visit GOV.UK and search form ‘D89’ to apply. Include this form with your application.

\* Usually the respondent will be given the order by hand. In some cases, the court may decide that the order should be served in another way, such as by email or text message. This is called ‘substituted’ or ‘alternative’ service.

The court or police cannot act if the respondent does something the order says they aren’t allowed to until they have been served with the order.

**1.4** Why do you think one or more of the reasons you have chosen for question 1.3 may happen?

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT**

**Note 1.4:** Please describe as best as you can why these things may happen. This could include things the respondent has said or done in the past.

**1.5** As far as you know, are there any bail conditions stopping the respondent from contacting or coming near you?

Yes

No. **Go to question 1.7**

**1.6** When do the bail conditions end?

Day	Month	Year

**1.7** Is there anything else about your situation that you would like the court to know about or consider?

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT**

**Note 1.7:** It is important for the court to know about any special characteristics relating to you, the respondent or a child of the family. This could include whether there are any illnesses or disabilities suffered by anybody, or if you are pregnant.

You can provide more details about your situation in your supporting witness statement.

## 2. Your details

### 2.1 Your full name

First name(s)

GEORGIA

Last name

CHAPMAN

### 2.2 Any other names you have been known by

### 2.3 Your date of birth

Day	Month	Year
0   7	0   5	2   0   0   1

**Note 2.4:** If you do not wish to disclose your contact details you should leave those details blank and complete form C8 Confidential contact details.

### 2.4 Can your contact details be shared with the respondent?

Yes

No. Complete the separate **C8** form with your details.

**Note 2.5:** The address you provide will be where the court will send your documents.

### 2.5 Your full current address

Building and street

381 BEXHILL ROAD

Second line of address

If you think the respondent may open your post or hide it from you, give us a different address to send the documents. Write the request on a separate sheet and include it with this application.

Town or city

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA

County (optional)

If you do provide a different address, make sure that it is of someone you trust and they can contact you.

Postcode

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If you are keeping your contact details confidential you should include both your address and the different address on the C8 form.

**2.6 Your phone number**

07840318478

**2.7 Your email address**

CONFIDENTIAL

**2.8 How do you prefer to be contacted?**

- Phone
- Email

**2.9 Contact instructions, including safe call times**

**Note 2.8:** Do not select phone for contact preference if it is not safe for you to take calls. If there is a safe time to call, please let us know when that is by providing a contact instruction (question 2.9).

If you are worried that the respondent has access to your email account, please create a new email account and use that address here.

This will be the email address used on your application to the court.

**2.10 Do you have a legal representative?**

- Yes
- No. **Go to Section 3**

**2.11 Your legal representative's name**

**Note 2.9:** Your safe call times will be when you are not going to be with the respondent. Please provide hours between 9am and 5pm.

**2.12 Name of your legal representative's firm**

BURNHAM LAW PRACTICE

**2.13 Address of your legal representative's firm**

Building and street

64 HIGH STREET

Second line of address

CHILTERN HOUSE

Town or city

SLOUGH

County (optional)

Postcode

S | L | 1 | | 7 | J | T

DX number (if known)

**2.14 Your legal representative's phone number**

01628857388

**2.15 Your legal representative's address email address**

**2.16 Your legal representative's reference**

### 3. Respondent's details

#### 3.1 Their name

First name(s)

EDWARD

Last name

DISCOMBE

#### 3.2 Any other names the respondent has been known by

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#### 3.3 Their date of birth

Day	Month	Year
2   2	0   6	1   9   9   6

#### 3.4 Does the respondent live with you?

- Yes  
 No

#### 3.5 Their full current address

Building and street

OAK COTTAGE

Second line of address

MANSERS LANE

Town or city

HAILSHAM

County (optional)

Postcode

B   N   2   7   4   B   E
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**Note 3:** The 'respondent' is the person you are asking the court to make the order against. In any court papers or hearings this person will be called 'the respondent'. You will be called 'the applicant'.

**Note 3.5:** An address for the respondent is needed so any order can be 'personally served' on them. The order is usually handed directly to the respondent. See the first page of this form for more information and guidance.

If you don't know their address, include an alternative address, such as a family member of the respondent or workplace where you know they are likely to be.

It is very important to include an address for the respondent as the order cannot be enforced until it has been served on them or they are aware of it. This means the police or court may not be able to take any action if the respondent does something the order says they aren't allowed to.

**3.6** Their phone number (if you know it)

07969553399

**3.7** Their email address (if you know it)

UNKNOWN

## 4. Your relationship with the respondent

- 4.1** If your relationship with the respondent is one of the following, select the one which best describes your relationship and go to question 4.2.

- Married or in a civil partnership
- Formerly married or in a civil partnership
- Engaged or proposed civil partnership
- Formerly engaged or proposed civil partnership
- Live together as a couple
- Formerly lived together as a couple
- Boyfriend, girlfriend or partner who does not live with me
- Former boyfriend, girlfriend or partner who did not live with me
- None of the above. **Go to question 4.4**

- 4.2** When did your relationship start and when did it end?

Start

Day	Month	Year
	0   1	2   0   2   0

**Note 4.2:** If you don't know the exact date your relationship started or ended, give your best guess of the month and year.

End (if applicable)

Day	Month	Year
	0   7	2   0   2   4

- 4.3** If you are or were previously married or in a civil partnership with the respondent, what date was your wedding or civil ceremony?

Day	Month	Year

**4.4** What is the respondent's relationship to you (if not answered in question 4.1)?

My

- |  |                                 |                                      |                                      |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Father  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother | <input type="checkbox"/> Son         | <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brother   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sister | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandfather | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uncle   | <input type="checkbox"/> Aunt   | <input type="checkbox"/> Nephew      | <input type="checkbox"/> Niece       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cousin  |                                 |                                      |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please specify<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> |                                 |                                      |                                      |

**Note 4.4:** If the respondent is your relative by birth, please check the appropriate box.

If the respondent is your relative by marriage or other association, please select other and specify. This includes in-laws and step relatives of you or your partner.

The respondent must be, or have been, someone listed in question 4.1, **or** a relative by birth, marriage or other association. If they are not, then you cannot apply for a non-molestation or occupation order and should seek legal advice.

**4.5** Do you have any children, have parental responsibility for any children or need to protect other children with this application?

- Yes. **Go to Section 5 – Your family**
- No. **Go to Section 6 – Respondent's behaviour**

## 5. Your family

### 5.1 Who is this application for?

- You only. **Go to question 5.3**
- You and your child/children

**Note 5.2:** Parental responsibility means all the responsibilities and rights that a parent has towards their child. A mother automatically has parental responsibility for her child from birth. A father usually has parental responsibility if he's either married to the child's mother or listed on the birth certificate.

For more information visit [www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities](http://www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities)

### 5.2 Details of the child or children to be protected by this order:

Child's full name	Child's date of birth	Your relationship to the child	Do you and the respondent both have parental responsibility for this child?	Respondent's relationship to the child

### 5.3 Are there any ongoing family court proceedings involving both of you?

- Yes
- No. **Go to Section 6 – Respondent's behaviour**

**Note 5.3:** Such as a case about child arrangements or one where the respondent has asked for an injunction against you. This could also include divorce proceedings.

### 5.4 Family court proceedings

Name of court	Case number	Type of case and any other details

## 6. Respondent's behaviour

### 6.1 Are you applying for a non-molestation order?

Yes

No. **Go to Section 7 – The home**

### 6.2 What do you want to stop the respondent from doing?

- Being violent towards me or threatening me
- Harassing or intimidating me
- Posting or publishing about me either in print or digitally
- Contacting me directly
- Causing damage to my possessions
- Causing damage to my home
- Coming into my home
- Coming near my home
- Coming near my place of work

### 6.3 What do you want to stop the respondent from doing to your child or children (if applicable)?

- Being violent towards my children or threatening my children
- Harassing or intimidating my children
- Posting or publishing anything about my children in print, or digitally
- Contacting my children directly without my consent
- Going to or near my children's school or nursery

### 6.4 Is there anything else you want the respondent to stop doing that is not mentioned in question 6.1 or 6.2?

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT**

**Note 6:** This section is to capture a summary of the type of behaviours from the respondent that you want to stop.

**Note 6.2 and 6.3:** You can choose more than one option for questions 6.2 and 6.3.

You will be asked to provide more detail in your supporting witness statement, including information about specific incidents.

**Note 6.4:** The kinds of abusive behaviour you might want to stop could for example be sexual, psychological, physical, emotional, financial.

## 7. The home

### 7.1 Are you applying for an occupation order?

Yes

No. **Go to Section 8 – Going to court**

### 7.2 To what address do you want the occupation order to apply?

Building and street

Second line of address

Town or city

County (optional)

Postcode

### 7.3 Who currently lives at the address?

Please select all that apply.

Me

The respondent

My child or children

Someone else – please specify

**Note 7:** Please only complete this section if you are applying for an occupation order. This is where a court decides who lives or stays in a property, or who should be excluded from a property.

If you are not applying for an occupation order, please go the next section, ‘Going to court’ (Section 8).

### 7.4 Have you or the respondent ever lived at the address but don't live there currently?

Yes, both of us

Yes, myself

Yes, the respondent

No

**Note 7.3:** If selecting ‘someone else’, please provide their name and why they live there. For example, they rent a room, they are a lodger, they are a relative, they are a dependent parent.

**7.5** If you answered ‘No’ to question 7.4, did you or the respondent ever intend to live at the address?

- Yes, both of us
- Yes, myself
- Yes, the respondent
- No

**7.6** If any children live at the address, please provide their name(s) and age(s).

- a) Any children that both you and the respondent are parents of or responsible for:

Child's name	Child's age

- b) Other children that you are the parent of or are responsible for that the respondent is not:

Do not complete this question if you want to keep your child or children’s information confidential from the respondent. See notes on the first page for more information and instructions.

Child's name	Child's age

**7.7** Is the property specially adapted in any way for you, your children or anyone else living there?

- Yes
- No. **Go to question 7.9**

**Note 7.7:** For example, changes made to a property to support someone with a physical or mental health disability.

**7.8** Please provide details of how the property is specially adapted.

**7.9** Is there a mortgage on the property?

- Yes  
 No. **Go to question 7.13**

**Note 7.9:** Please do not select 'Yes' if thinking of a mortgage your landlord may have. See question 7.13 for landlord information.

**7.10** Who is named on the mortgage? Please select all that apply

- Me  
 The respondent  
 Someone else – please specify

**Note 7.10:** If selecting 'someone else', please provide their name and their relationship to you and/or the respondent.

**7.11** Please provide your mortgage number, if you know it

**7.12** What is the name and address of the mortgage lender?

Name

**Note 7.12:** The mortgage lender is usually a bank, building society or savings and loans association.

Building and street

**You must serve your mortgage company or landlord with the application.** They will be given the opportunity to provide information to the court about the mortgage or tenancy.

Second line of address

Town or city

County (optional)

Postcode

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**7.13** Is the property rented?

Yes

No. **Go to question 7.16**

**7.14** Who is named on the rental agreement? Please select all that apply

Me

The respondent

Someone else – please specify

**Note 7.14:** If selecting someone else, please provide their name and their relationship to you and/or the respondent.

**7.15** What is the name and address of the landlord?

Name

Building and street

Second line of address

Town or city

County (optional)

Postcode

**7.16** Do you have any home rights?

Yes

No

**Note 7.16:** Home rights mean you have a right to live in the property whether or not your name is on a legal agreement. This could be, for example, where you are married to the respondent but your name is not on the mortgage or rental agreement. You may wish to seek legal advice.

**7.17** What exactly do you want to happen with your living situation?

- I want to be able to stay in my home
- I want to be able to return to my home
- I don't want the respondent to be able to enter my home
- I want to keep the respondent away from the area surrounding my home
- I want to limit where in the home the respondent can go

**7.18** Is there anything else you want to happen with the family home?

- I need the respondent to pay for or contribute to repairs or maintenance to the home
- I need the respondent to pay for or contribute to the rent or mortgage
- I need the use of the furniture or other household contents

**7.19** Is there anything else you want to be considered by the court?

**Note 7.17:** There are several options available to you when you apply for an occupation order, for example removing the respondent from the property altogether or limiting areas of the property they can live in, for example that they cannot go into a specific room, such as a bedroom.

**Note 7.19:** This should include information about where you and your children will be able to live if unable to stay in your home or return to it.

Please also include details of any hardship you might face if you are not able to stay in your home or return to it. For example, you may not be able to attend your workplace or your child may not be able to attend their school or nursery.

If you can also demonstrate that the respondent is able to live elsewhere and is not entirely dependent upon the home, this may support your application.

## 8. Going to court

### 8.1 Do you need an interpreter at court?

Yes

No. **Go to question 8.3**

### 8.2 Please tell us what language and/or dialect.

Language

Dialect

### 8.3 Do we need to provide something different in court or when we contact you, because of a disability?

Yes

No

### 8.4 Explain how your disability affects you, giving as much information as you can.

### 8.5 Special measures can be put in place to keep you separate from the respondent when you attend court. Please select any of the following measures you would like to request.

a separate waiting room in the court building

a separate entrance and exit from the court building

to be shielded by a privacy screen in the courtroom

to join the hearing by video link rather than in person

**Note 8:** The court will try to provide you and any witnesses with the special assistance that you ask for. However, this is not always possible and can depend on the facilities available at your local court.

It is a good idea to contact the court before your court hearing to find out whether they can supply the special assistance that you have requested.

**Note 8.3:** We know that people with disabilities sometimes need our help and support to use our services. This can mean that we need to provide something different so you can access and use our services in the same way as a person without a disability.

Explaining how your disability affects you will help court staff or the judge to consider any help we can provide.

**Note 8.5:** A privacy screen would mean the respondent would not be able to see you while in the courtroom.

## Domestic Abuse Act 2021

Provisions in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 have the effect of preventing an individual accused of abuse from questioning in person a party or witness in the case who is the victim of the abuse, and also prevents a victim of abuse from questioning in person the accused individual in specified circumstances

If the court directs that the proceedings be listed for a hearing where oral evidence may be given, form **EX740** (person making the abuse accusation) or form **EX741** (person accused of abuse) ‘Application and information needed by the court to consider whether to prevent (prohibit) questioning (cross-examination) in person’ may need to be completed so that the court can consider whether questioning in person should be prevented. The court will send the appropriate form with the court order.

## Statement of truth

I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

**I believe** that the facts stated in this form and any continuation sheets are true.

**The applicant** believes that the facts stated in this form and any continuation sheets are true. **I am authorised** by the applicant to sign this statement.

### Signature



You can sign the application by hand or type your name in if completing electronically.

Applicant

Applicant's legal representative

### Date

Day	Month	Year
Jan 08 2025		

**This application is to be served on the respondent.**

You must not serve the documents yourself on the person you are seeking the order against. See the first page of this form for more information and instructions about serving the documents.

### Full name

GEORGIA CHAPMAN

### Name of applicant's legal representative's firm

BURNHAM LAW PRACTICE

### If signing on behalf of firm or company give position or office held

## What to do next

**You will need to include a supporting witness statement with your application.** You can find a template statement and guidance for how to complete it alongside this form. Visit GOV.UK and search ‘**FL401T**’.

If you have completed your form and statement electronically, please email them with any supporting documents to your local family court. If you are asking the court to keep your contact details confidential, please attach the **C8** confidential contact details form as a separate attachment.

If you have completed the form and statement by hand, we will need 3 copies of each for a non-molestation order application or 4 copies for an occupation order application. If you have legal representation (a solicitor) you can ask them to make copies. If you do not have legal representation, you only need to provide one copy of each document. You can take your application to your local family court or send it there by post.

Visit [www.gov.uk/find-court-tribunal](http://www.gov.uk/find-court-tribunal) to find your local family court’s postal and email addresses.

## Notifying the respondent of the application and order

After the court has received and accepted your application, a copy must then be given to the respondent. This is called ‘serving the application’. However, if the court has agreed to hear your case without the respondent being told, then they must not be served with the application. If the court grants an order, this must be served on the respondent in all cases.

**You must not serve the application or order yourself.** If you do not have a legal representative you can apply for a court official to serve these for you for free. Visit GOV.UK and search form ‘**D89**’ to apply. Include this form with your application.



## **In the Family Court at HASTINGS**



**Case Number: SD25F00026**

## **Order Family Law Act 1996**

## The Relationship of GEORGIA CHAPMAN and EDWARD DISCOMBE

After hearing the legal representative, Mr. Noman Khanzada, for the Applicant

After reading the signed statement of Applicant 08 January 2025

**NON-MOLESTATION ORDER MADE BY PDJ PARKES ON 16 OF JANUARY 2025 SITTING IN PRIVATE**

## The Parties

1. The applicant is GEORGIA CHAPMAN
  2. The respondent is EDWARD DISCOMBE

## Definitions

3. The Property is the property at 381 BEXHILL ROAD, ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, TN38 8AR and its surrounding gardens, land and outbuildings

## Recitals

4. This is a non-molestation order made against the respondent EDWARD DISCOMBE On 16 January.2025 by DDJ Parkes on the application of the applicant GEORGIA CHAPMAN.
  5. Order was made at a hearing without notice to the respondent. The reason why the order was made without notice to the respondent was due to the fear of the applicant being deterred from making an application and the risk of harm to her.
  6. The applicant and her legal representative attended the hearing in person.
  7. Having considered the statement of the applicant and having heard from the representative.
  8. The court is satisfied with the risk of harm attributable to the actions of the respondent.

**IT IS ORDERED;**

9. The respondent, EDWARD DISCOMBE, must not use or threaten violence against the applicant, GEORGIA CHAPMAN, and must not instruct, encourage or in any way suggest that any other person should do so.

10. The respondent, EDWARD DISCOMBE, must not intimidate, harass or pester the applicant, GEORGIA CHAPMAN, and must not instruct, encourage or in any way suggest that any other person should do so.
11. The respondent, EDWARD DISCOMBE, must not telephone, text, email or otherwise contact or attempt to contact the applicant, GEORGIA CHAPMAN, (including via social networking websites or other forms of electronic messaging)
12. The respondent, EDWARD DISCOMBE, must not damage, attempt to damage or threaten to damage any property owned by or in the possession or control of the applicant, GEORGIA CHAPMAN, and must not instruct, encourage or in any way suggest that any other should do so.
13. The respondent, EDWARD DISCOMBE, must not damage, attempt to damage or threaten to damage the property or contents of the family home at 381 BEXHILL ROAD, ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, TN38 8AR and must not instruct, encourage or in any way suggest that any other person should do so.

#### **Non-Molestation Order - Zonal**

14. The respondent, EDWARD DISCOMBE, must not go to, enter or attempt to enter the family home at 381 BEXHILL ROAD, ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, TN38 8AR or any property where he knows or believes the applicant, GEORGIA CHAPMAN, to be living, and must not go within 100 metres of it.

#### **Duration of Non-Molestation Order**

15. Paragraph[s] 1-14 of this order shall be effective against the respondent EDWARD DISCOMBE once it is personally served on him once he is made aware of the terms of this order whether by personal service or otherwise.
16. Paragraph[s] 1-14 of this order shall last until 15th of January 2026 at 4 pm unless it is set aside or varied before then by an order of the court.
17. The respondent has the right to apply to the court at any time, and without waiting until the return date, to set aside, vary or revoke this order. If the respondent intends to rely on any evidence in support of his application to set aside, or vary this order, or intends to rely on any evidence to oppose the continuation of the order at the return date, the substance of it must be provided in writing to the applicant's solicitors in advance.

#### **Hearings**

18. The application is listed for **further hearing** in the **Family Court sitting at Hastings on the 6th February 2025 at 2:30pm** (the return date'). At the hearing on the return date the court will reconsider the application and decide whether the order should continue or be made final (time estimate: **30 minutes**). If the respondent does not attend on the date and at the time shown the court may make an order in his absence.
19. At the hearing on the return date, the court shall make arrangements for special measures including separate exits and entrance, separate waiting areas and screens inside the court.

#### **Service**

1. The applicant's solicitors shall use their best efforts to attempt to serve the respondent personally at first forthwith all the relevant documents of this order.
2. IF personal service fails, then the process server has the permission to serve the respondent via alternative means; the documents should be left at the address sealed in an envelope marked to the respondent and sent over via email or WhatsApp to ascertain receipt.

#### **Costs**

20. No order as to costs save for public funding assessment.

**The hearing took place on 16th January 2025 at The Family Court sitting at Hastings. The Applicant's legal representative MR. NOMAN KHANZADA attended the hearing in person. The Court has noted the following provisions for FAS:**

- a) Publicly funded parties FAS fee**
- b) Before Family Court DDJ PARKES**
- c) Hearing date: 16.01.2025**
- d) Court type: Family Court**
- e) Case type: Private – Non-Molestation**
- f) Case Number: SD25F00026**
- g) Reporting time and pre-hearing discussions- 09:30 AM**
- h) Hearing: 11:02 AM**
- i) End time: 11:25 AM**
- j) Post hearing discussion: 30 minutes**
- k) Length of lunch: N/A**
- l) Draft Order: 30 minutes**

**Total time: 2 hours and 55 minutes.**

**Communication with the Court**

All communications to the court about this order should be sent to:

**Family Court sitting at HASTINGS**

The Law Courts  
Horntye Park  
Bohemia Road  
Hastings  
TN34 1QX  
Tel: 0300 123 5577

**Name and address of applicant's legal representatives**

The applicant's legal representatives are

BURNHAM LAW PRACTICE

64 High Street  
Chilterns House  
SL1 7JT  
Slough  
Ref: BURNHAM/ WOODS  
Email:  
Phone: 01628857388

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Ordered by                   Deputy District Judge Parkes

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on                          16th January 2025

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**FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT  
OF MISS GEORGIA CHAPMAN**

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I, **GEORGIA CHAPMAN**, live at **381 BEXHILL ROAD, ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, TN38 8AR** make this statement believing the contents to be true and knowing that it will be placed before the court as evidence and will say as follows: -

1. The Respondent, **EDWARD DISCOMBE** and I are associated persons within Section 62(3) of the Family Law Act 1996 because we were in a relationship for a significant period of time.

2. I make this statement in support of my application for a non-molestation order, without notice to the Respondent. I fear that if the Respondent were made aware of the hearing, he would attempt to either deter me from making the application or prevent me from making the application through intimidation or manipulation. I have suffered physical, verbal, emotional, mental, and financial abuse.

### **Background Information**

3. I was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2001, and I am 23 years of age. I suffer from Anxiety and Depression due to the Respondents behaviour towards me. I currently do not take medication for this.
4. The Respondent was born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 1996, and he is 28 years of age. He is currently residing at OAK COTTAGE, MANSERS LANE, HAILSHAM, BN27 4BE. He consumes ALCOHOL and abuses drugs to excess, namely COCAINE, which alter his mood and behaviour towards me.
5. Our relationship began in January 2020, and we broke up in July 2024. We lived together during our relationship have one child together, namely GEORGE CHAPMAN, born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2024, who is 3 months old, and the child resides with me.

### **History of Abuse**

6. I set out below a brief history of the abuse I have suffered from the Respondent to establish why I need the protection of court orders. I have tried to include the main

incidents, but I seek permission to make a furthermore detailed statement if necessary to support my application and any future court proceedings.

7. When the Respondent and I first started our relationship, the Respondent was nice to me, and we were happy together. However, after a couple of months, he became controlling in his behaviour and began to abuse me verbally and mentally.
8. He did not allow me to see friends that he did not approve of and became insecure over my relationship with my father and brother. I was not allowed to wear revealing outfits, go out and eat with my cousins or even go to a sunbed. He also did not allow me to have any male friends. It had always been my ambition to work at a sunbed shop; however, the Respondent did not approve of it. Further, when I was with my friends and he incessantly called me, I switched my mobile phone off. After this, when I returned to my property he screamed at me, shouted at me and destroyed our property.
9. Whenever I met with my cousins, the Respondent demanded I not tell them anything about him and he said if I told them anything about him, he was going to tell them that I cheated on him, which was not true. I felt as if my brain was clouded when I was dating him. Further, I was constantly second-guessing everything I did when I was with him.
10. The Respondent was also tracking where I was. When I was out cleaning houses, which was my job he always knew which house I was at as he had the tacker.
11. During arguments, the Respondent verbally abused me by calling me a “bitch”, a “liar” and a “cheat”.
12. He then started to physically abuse me six months into our relationship. He hit me on

my face, and I suffered from a black eye. I did not call the police when he did this, as I was terrified of the Respondent, he said he was sorry and that he was never going to do it again. However, his abusive behaviour continued.

13. He gave me three or four black eyes during our relationship. On one occasion, he put his teeth through my lip, which resulted in my mouth to bleed. He also spat at me, pushed me, strangled me and destroyed my belongings. I suffered from bruises on my legs and my arms as a result of his physical abuse. I have attached evidence of these bruises and black eye in **EXHIBIT GC1** of this statement.
14. On one occasion, the Respondent whipped me with a phone charger and threw his shoes at me. I suffered from bruises because of this.
15. After two years of dealing with the abuse, I started calling the police. However, no further action was taken against the Respondent despite numerous police complaints.
16. The worst incident of abuse occurred on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 when we were at the Respondent's grandmother's funeral. He was drinking too much, and I told him "EDDIT please stop drinking" as I knew that he was going to soon become aggressive after this. I then stated that I wanted to go home as I was pregnant during this time. This aggravated the Respondent, and he dragged me down the road, headbutted me and pulled me. Further, he kicked me and spat at me. A taxi driver on the road saw this, so he tried to help me; however, the Respondent then physically assaulted the taxi driver. I managed to run away to the train station and contact the police after which the police came and arrested the Respondent. However, he was released with no further action. I do not have the crime reference number for this. Following this, I broke up with the Respondent.

17. However, in July 2024 we started to date again after this as I found out that I was pregnant. On one occasion, when we were in his car the Respondent discovered that I had worked in a sun bed shop after I broke up with him. This triggered him and he smacked my face, which resulted in a black eye. I was not able to see anything but I remember the Respondent pulling the car over and then booting me straight in my stomach. I contacted the police again and reported this incident to them. However, they did not take any action against the Respondent, he was released with no further action claiming that there was no sufficient evidence against the Respondent. I then went to the hospital and I was not able to see out of eye for a while. As I was also pregnant during this incident, I had to get my baby checked. We broke up following this for the last time. Social Services were also informed about this incident and they said that it was best that the Respondent did not attend the birth of our son.

18. Thus, in September 2024, I gave birth to our son. As soon as I returned to my property with our son on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2024, the Respondent arrived and he acted calm and nice to trick me into letting him inside. When he was inside, he spat on both of us and accused me of robbing him of a chance of seeing his son being born. He then stated that he does not wish to be a father to our son if I was not going to be with him and then destroyed my property. He also took our son's car seat during this incident, which he returned only a week and a half later. Further, he verbally abused me by calling me a "bitch".

19. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2024, when I was out with our son, I saw a scaffolding truck when I saw the Respondent driving it. The Respondent drove past my property in this truck and stared at me. He also had three other men with him. I was terrified of the Respondent that I took our son upstairs and locked ourselves in the room. He then got out of his truck, came outside my door and started to bang on the doors aggressively.

Following this, he smashed the window near the door. I have attached evidence of the smashed window in **EXHIBIT GC2** of this statement. I also have video footage of him outside my property which can be presented in court. I contacted the police following this and reported this incident to them. They advised me to apply for a non-molestation order against the Respondent. The crime reference number for this is

20. I am terrified of what the Respondent is going to do to me next or instruct others to do to me on his behalf if I do not have the protection of the courts in the form of a court order. I fear for my life, and I wish to live an abuse free life free from the Respondent and his abusive ways. The Respondents behaviour towards me has had a profound impact on my mental health and wellbeing.

### **Without Notice Application**

1. I respectfully ask the court to make a Non-Molestation Order.
  
2. I respectfully ask that these orders be made on an urgent without notice basis under section 45(2) of the Family Law Act 1996. I need these orders granted for my The Respondent's behaviour is unpredictable, and I do not know what he is capable of doing to me. I believe that if the orders are not made without notice to the Respondent and the Respondent were put on notice of such proceedings, this will provoke him. If triggered, I believe he will become incredibly aggressive and violent. I, therefore, request the Court to make a non-molestation order without notice to the Respondent.

I believe that the facts stated in this statement are true. **I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a**

**false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.**

Signed: 

**GEORGIA CHAPMAN**

Dated: Jan 08 2025

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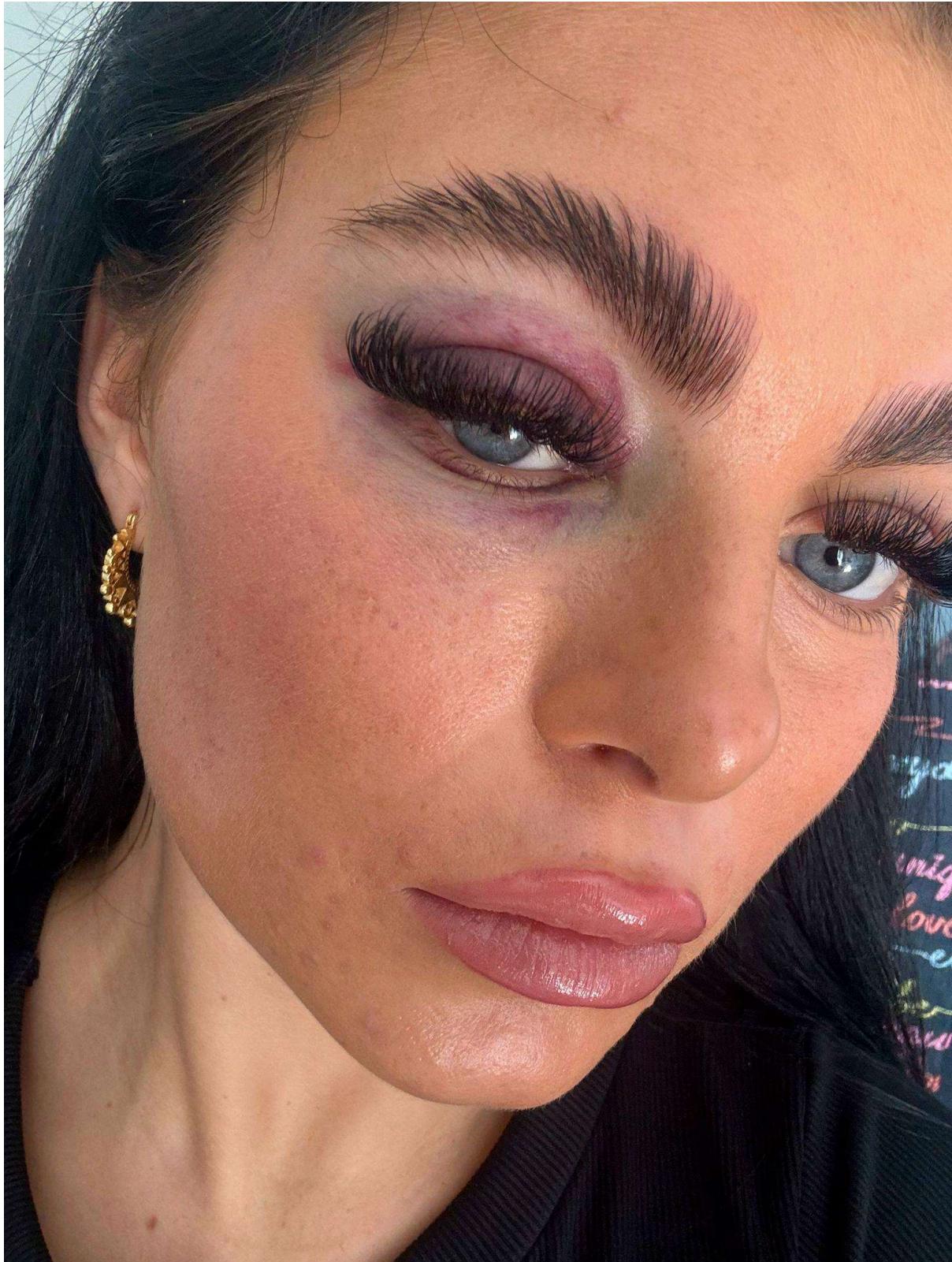
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