THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008
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THE CHARITY TRIBUNAL RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2010

IN THE CHARITY TRIBUNAL FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Between

MARGUERITE O'REILLY ON BEHALF OF GUT HEALTH MATTERS LIMITED

Appellant

-and-

THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Respondent

1/26

Determined in Chambers on 29/10/2026

Before

D. MCMAHON
PRESIDENT

DECISION

The application of the Appellant dated 12/10/2026 for permission to appeal to the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland ('the High Court'), the decision of the Tribunal dated 19/05/2026 ('the Decision') striking out this appeal for non-compliance with judicial Directions, issued by the Tribunal, on two occasions, ('the substantive application'), referred to me on that date, followed on 23/10/2026 by a purported application by the Appellant to extend time to make application for such permission to appeal, are both refused.

REASONS

1. The Applicant, the purported Appellant, in an application dated 12/10/2026, referred to me on that date, sought permission to appeal the Decision to the High Court and, subsequently, on 23/10/2026, purported to seek permission to make a late application for permission to appeal.

2. In a separate Decision of the Tribunal dated 28/05/2026 entitled 'Notification of Right to Appeal from the Tribunal's Decision dated 19/05/2026 to the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland' ('Notification of Right to Appeal Decision')the parties, including the Appellant, were advised of their right of appeal to the High Court against the Decision within 28 days of 28/05/2026, the date upon which the Secretary to the Tribunal notified the parties of the Decision, that is, by Thursday, 25/06/2026. The said 28 days is dictated by Rules 35 and 36 of the Charity Tribunal Rules (Northern Ireland) 2010 ('the Rules'). No such application was received from the Appellant within that time limit. Accordingly, the Tribunal has no jurisdiction to grant permission to the Appellant to appeal to the High Court and this file was properly closed in the absence of an application having been received from her within the statutory time limit.

3. The Tribunal also has no jurisdiction, pursuant the Rules, to consider granting an extension of time to a party to make a late application for permission to appeal to the High Court.

4. The Appellant may, if so advised, if she wishes, make application direct to the High Court for permission to appeal the Decision and should furnish the High Court with the Decision; the Notification of a Right to Appeal Decision; this Decision and any accompanying correspondence she considers relevant to any application she may wish to make to the High Court.

5. The Appellant is, yet again, strongly encouraged to seek advice from a person or organisation experienced in charity law in Northern Ireland.

Dated: 29/10/2026

Signed: **Damien J. McMahon**
President,
Charity Tribunal for Northen Ireland.