

ICL INQUIRY STATEMENT

JACQUELINE BROWN

1. At the time of the tragedy Danny Fraser was my partner for 12 or 13 years. He worked in the Plastics factory.

Date of the tragedy

2. I remember that the incident happened about lunchtime. At that time I was working in the diner in Maryhill Road, which is directly opposite the factory. You cannot see the factory from the diner window, you would have to go to the corner to see it. I had started working in the diner about October 2003. It was not a proper job. I did not get any money from it. I just helped out a friend, the manager called Max. I worked there most days during the week and sometimes at the weekend
3. About lunchtime, I am not sure of the exact time, I heard a noise. It sounded similar to someone upstairs moving a massive piece of furniture. Ann Marie then said to me " That's Danny's work". I have no idea how she knew this. I think she must have seen the smoke.
4. Ann Marie and I ran over. I screamed when I saw that there was no building, just rubble and dust. I thought that no one would walk out there alive because no one could have survived that.
5. I climbed over the rubble, but I don't know where. I was running all over the place trying to find Danny. I was moving rubble to see if I could see his hand, watch or T shirt. Ann Marie was telling me to stop. I was worried that if the Fire Officers arrived it would take them longer to find him.
6. It would be early on that I saw the big capsule (LPG tank). I know that it was early on because at that time no ambulances or fire engines had arrived. I couldn't estimate how many minutes it was from hearing the

noise in the diner until I saw this capsule but it was fairly soon. I remember hearing hissing coming from the tank area.

7. I was shown - Book of Photographs Photograph 0405-076-18
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8. I can't remember the metal barrier being round that tank. I wasn't in touching distance of the tank but I was very close, maybe only a few feet away. The hissing was not from the top of the tank, it was either from the bottom or underneath the tank. The hissing was loud enough for us to hear it. I looked at Ann Marie and she looked terrible, she was panicking. She said "It's going to blow, Jackie please move, it's going to blow". I couldn't move my legs for shock. I might have stood for about a minute. I thought I was in danger and was worried that my daughters could end up losing me. We therefore moved away from it. If there was a smell then I was oblivious to it.

9. I confirm that the contents of this statement are true.

Witness signature _____

Date _____