

PROPOSED OPENING STATEMENT
ON BEHALF OF
BEREAVED FAMILIES AND INJURED SURVIVORS

My Lord,

The lives of many families and individuals have been devastated by the tragic events of 11th May 2004.

The families of those who lost their lives and the injured survivors who we represent welcome this Inquiry. They are extremely grateful to those who have arranged for its commencement so promptly after its announcement. They appreciate and are grateful for the facilities that have been provided in this building to accommodate them during the Inquiry.

The hope of those who we represent is that this Inquiry will provide them with answers to questions that are of extreme importance to them. Questions such as:-

Why did their loved ones lose their lives? Why did so many suffer life threatening injuries? Why did a place of work become a source of such pain and suffering?

The families of those who lost their lives, and the survivors, would like to think that the answers to these questions will allow lessons to be learned that will prevent such a disaster from ever happening again.