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**From:** "Christopher.Jay" [GRO]  
**Sent:** Thur 25/10/2018 2:14:11 PM (UTC)  
**To:** Andrew Parsons [GRO]; Jonathan Gribben [GRO];  
[GRO] "David.JonesM" [GRO];  
"Legal.Defence" [GRO]  
**Cc:** Rodric Williams [GRO]  
**Subject:** RE: Project Bramble : Outcome of conversation with Steve Parker [WBDUK-AC.FID27032497]

Andy,

Have just heard back from the Account team re John Simpkins. Unfortunately he does not wish to become a Witness either. Suggest we re-think.

Dave Ibbett who is holding the fort in Pete Newsome's absence this week, proposes that we await Pete's return on Monday and discuss alternative options then.

Makes sense to me.

KR  
Chris

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**From:** Jay, Christopher  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 2:12 PM  
**To:** 'Andrew Parsons' [GRO]; Jonathan Gribben [GRO]; Jones,  
David M [GRO]  
**Cc:** Rodric Williams [GRO]  
**Subject:** RE: Project Bramble : Outcome of conversation with Steve Parker [WBDUK-AC.FID27032497]

Andy,

I am following up re John S.

Will get back to you soonest on that plus on other potential options.

KR  
Chris

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**From:** Andrew Parsons [GRO]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 1:41 PM  
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**Cc:** Rodric Williams [GRO]  
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Chris

There isn't an alternative to witness evidence. We could look at summoning Steve but that would be far from ideal.

We need to urgently (today?) work out whether there is an alternative to Steve. If that hits a dead-end then we will need to re-group and think again.

Kind regards  
Andy

**Andrew Parsons**

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**Cc:** Rodric Williams  
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Jonny/All,

Will look into John and possibly anybody else with the team.

A couple of questions:-

So from this I assume that POL are not looking to sub-poena Steve?

Are there any other court processes/ways that we can present Steve's feedback in Court?

Thanks  
Chris

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**From:** Jonathan Gribben [REDACTED] **GRO**  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 12:12 PM  
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**Cc:** Rodric Williams [REDACTED] **GRO**  
**Subject:** RE: Project Bramble : Outcome of conversation with Steve Parker [WBDUK-AC.FID27032497]

Chris,  
John Simpkins has provided a lot of comments on Mr Roll's statement. I don't know his background save that he is a member of Steve's team, but he could be a potential candidate.  
Kind regards  
Jonny

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**Cc:** Rodric Williams  
**Subject:** RE: Project Bramble : Outcome of conversation with Steve Parker [WBDUK-AC.FID26896945]

Chris

Thanks for the update.

Has there been any progress on finding a possible alternative to Steve?

Kind regards  
Andy

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**From:** Christopher.Jay@GRO  
**Sent:** 25 October 2018 10:03  
**To:** David.JonesM@GRO; Andrew Parsons; Jonathan Gribben  
**Subject:** FW: Project Bramble : Outcome of conversation with Steve Parker

Dear All,

PSB the outcome of the conversation between Steve and Graham Allen (his line manager).

Looks like we need a further conversation as to next steps?

Kind regards,  
Chris

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**From:** Allen, Graham (BRA01)

**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 7:48 AM

**To:** Defence Legal (Chris Jay,) [GRO] Jay, Christopher [GRO]  
Stewart, Garry [GRO]

**Subject:** RE: Outcome of conversation with Steve Parker

Chris,

Steve and I are both early starters so I have had a long conversation with Steve this morning.

I am afraid he is adamant that he does not want to voluntarily put himself through the stress he feels this will generate despite wanting to defend the team from that time. He was expecting someone to come back to him and had already given it a great deal of thought. He is aware that he may get subpoenaed and would deal with that if it happened. He didn't think sharing the load with another team member would help.

I tried to persuade but did not want to push too hard; not sure what else we can try. Steve is not the sort of person to take decisions lightly or be easily swayed from his chosen direction.

Regards,

**Graham Allen**

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**From:** Defence Legal (Chris Jay) [GRO]

**Sent:** 24 October 2018 19:02

**To:** Allen, Graham (BRA01) [GRO] Jay, Christopher [GRO]

**Subject:** RE: Outcome of conversation with Steve Parker

OK – thanks Graham

Best Regards

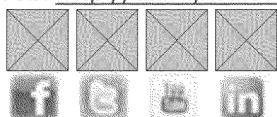
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**From:** Jay, Christopher [GRO] **On Behalf Of** Allen, Graham (BRA01)  
**Sent:** 24 October 2018 17:46  
**To:** Defence Legal (Chris Jay) [GRO]  
**Subject:** FW: Outcome of conversation with Steve Parker

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**From:** Allen, Graham (BRA01)  
**Sent:** 24 October 2018 17:45:37 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London  
**To:** Jay, Christopher  
**Subject:** New Time Proposed: Outcome of conversation with Steve Parker  
**When:**  
**Where:** Skype Meeting

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