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| Name | | [Witness] [no] |
| Date | | [Date] |
| On behalf of | | Kent County Council |
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| IN THE [COURT] | | | | | | |  |
| Matter No: | | | | | | |  |
| **IN THE MATTER OF [CHILD1]** | | | | | | |  |
| **AND IN THE MATTER OF [CHILD2]** | | | | | | |  |
| **AND IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION AND CHILDREN ACT 2002** | | | | | | |  |
| **BETWEEN:** | | | | | | |  |
| **KENT COUNTY COUNCIL** | | | | | | | Applicant |
| And | | | | | | |  |
| **[MOTHER]** | | | | | | | First Respondent |
| And | | | | | | |  |
| **[FATHER]** | | | | | | | Second Respondent |
| And | | | | | | |  |
| **[CHILD1]** and **[CHILD2]** (Minors acting by their Children’s Guardian) | | | | | | | Third Respondents |
| **FIRST STATEMENT OF [WITNESS]** | | | | | | | |
|  | I, [Witness], am a [Social Worker] employed by Kent County Council Specialist Children’s Services Department at [address]. I have known [Child1] and [Child2] since [date], when I became their allocated social worker. | | | | | | |
|  | [Qualifications] | | | | | | |
|  | [Work experience] | | | | | | |
|  | The information contained in this statement and in the attached Child and Family assessment and social work chronology is taken from the Applicant local authority’s Specialist Children’s Services case files, consultations with colleagues and other professionals and my direct involvement with [Child1], [Child2] and their family. | | | | | | |
|  | I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. | | | | | | |
| **Statement of the Order(s) Sought** | | | | | | | |
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| **Family Composition** | | | | | | | |
| Name | | DOB | Gender | Relationship | | Address | |
| [Child1] | |  | Male | Subject | |  | |
| [Child2] | |  | Female | Subject | |  | |
| [Mother] | |  | Female | Mother | |  | |
| [Father] | |  | Male | Father | |  | |
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| Events since Care and Placement Orders were made, including efforts made to family find, significant events and when decision made to change plan to long term foster care | |
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| **Children’s current circumstances** | |
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| **The Checklist under s1(4) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002** | |
| *The ascertainable wishes and feelings of the child concerned regarding the decision concerned (considered in the light of their age and understanding);* | |
| [Child1] | |
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| [Child2] | |
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| *The child’s particular needs;* | |
| [Child1] | |
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| *The likely effect on the child (throughout his life) of having ceased to be a member of the original family and become an adopted person;* | |
| [Child1] | |
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| **[Child2]** | |
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| *The child’s age, sex, background and any of their characteristics which the court considers relevant;* | |
| [Child1] | |
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| **[Child2]** | |
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| *Any harm (within the meaning of the Children Act 1989) which the child has suffered or is at risk of suffering;* | |
| [Child1] | |
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| *The relationship which the child has with relatives and with any other person in relation to whom the court or agency considers the relationship to be relevant, including:*  *-the likelihood of any such relationship continuing and the value to the child of its doing so*  *-the ability and willingness of any of the child’s relatives, or of any such person to provide the child with a secure environment in which the child can develop and otherwise to meet the child’s needs,*  *-the wishes and feelings of any of the child’s relatives or of any such person, regarding the child* | |
| **[Child1]** | |
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| **[Child2]** | |
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| The range of powers available to the court under this Act in the proceedings in question. | |
| 1. *No Order* | |
| **[Child1]** | |
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| **[Child2]** | |
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| 1. *[other relevant Order, e.g. child arrangements order, special guardianship order, etc.]* | |
| **[Child1]** | |
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| **[Child2]** | |
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| 1. *Supervision Order* | |
| **[Child1]** | |
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| **[Child2]** | |
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| 1. *Care Order* | |
| **[Child1]** | |
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| **[Child2]** | |
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| Conclusion/Summary | |
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| Dated [Date] | Signed……………………………………………………..  [Witness]  [social worker] |