

25th March, 1986

PARENTAL RIGHTS ORDER

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DEPUTY BAILIFF: "The only criterion to be applied by the Court is the Welfare of the children. The Court is satisfied under Article 83(1)(b) of the Law. We do believe that the Order should have been sought earlier but that fact makes the Order no less relevant today and we believe that the risk of these children immediately being removed from the care of the Education Committee

and into the home, would be too great a risk and a risk that we are not prepared to take. I would like to refer to Article 84(4) which provides that "where parental rights order is in force in respect of the child" - no, I'm sorry, that is the wrong one, it is Article 84(3) - "a parental rights order shall not prevent the Committee from allowing the child to be, either for a fixed period or until the Committee otherwise determines, under the care of the parents, legal guardian, relative, next-of-kin or friend, in any case where it appears to the Committee to be for the benefit of the child". Now we do hope that access will continue and if possible increase and it will then be up to Mrs. F , with or without Mr. R and it is together for both of them, to prove themselves worthy of having the children in their care. The Court makes a parental rights order.