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Dear Sirs

Our clients: Colin Graves and Yorkshire County Cricket Club

We act on behalf of Colin Graves, chairman of Yorkshire County Cricket Club, and the Yorkshire County Cricket Club (the "Club").

Our clients are aware that the book "*It's Not Banter, It's Racism: What Cricket's Dirty Secret Reveals About Our Society*" is due to be published by Orion Publishing on 25 April 2024.

Mr Rafiq clearly has a right to speak about his experiences and the purpose of this letter is not to stop him doing so. Indeed, in his statement upon his recent appointment as chairman, Mr Graves made a "*personal pledge to members and to the entire Yorkshire public that, regardless of background, community or ethnicity, all will be welcome in the fully inclusive culture and environment*" of the Club. Mr Graves also reiterated that he had "*unreservedly apologised for any, and all mistakes either I or the Club has made over the painful and difficult years of the recent past.*"

We write now since it is clearly in the interests of everyone, and particularly your readers, that the facts contained in the book are accurate. There have been many inaccuracies already published about this matter and our clients wish to ensure that the facts that are published in the book present an accurate picture. Since our clients have not been contacted in advance of publication in the usual way, we are asking that you let us see, pre-publication, a copy of the parts of the book that relate to our clients or to any past or existing staff of the Club so that our clients can check the accuracy of what Orion intends to publish. Given the publication date, we would be grateful to receive this information by 21 February 2024.

Yours faithfully



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