

**Decision of The Certification Officer for Northern Ireland**

**In the matter of an application pursuant to Article 90A of The Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.**

**Mr Elsmere Gracey**

**V**

**Unite the Union**

**Date of Decision:**

**5 February 2026**

**DECISION**

1. The Applicant submitted a complaint on 29 September 2025 alleging a breach of Unite the Union's rules under Article 90A of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) 1995.
2. My office emailed the Applicant on 3 November 2025 to seek clarification on factual matters relating to his complaint.
3. I also had a telephone discussion with the Applicant on 4 December 2025 during which I advised that his complaint did not fall within the matters set out in Article 90A(2) of the 1995 Order.
4. The complaint is therefore struck out pursuant to Article 70ZA of the Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1992, as amended by the Employment Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 2004.
5. The reason for the Strike Out is that this complaint has no reasonable prospect of success.

**Tom Evans OBE**

**Certification Officer for Northern Ireland**