

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in response to Questions 12 and 13 of the above consultation. I am extremely concerned at the proposed suggestions as to changes in the present law. Having watched the persistence and the vigour with which homosexual groups seek to push their rights, even at the cost of the rights of other people, I feel that I must oppose the implied changes contained in these questions.

I believe that such changes would lead to confrontation that is not good for society or good relations. The proposed regulations would seriously restrict religious **freedom** and leave people and organisations as well as churches open to legal actions by those who wish to push their rights.

There are some religions such as Islam which may not be **affected** due to their close control of their premises. However, anyone who wishes to be outgoing with the community use of their premises and facilities will be open to serious discrimination by homosexual groups or persons, if **they** should choose not to grant their use. This could lead to the decision not to hire to any group.

Organisations such as Churches and Bible Colleges would be forced to hire facilities or accommodation to groups who are opposed to their very basic **ethical** beliefs. Legal defence of such rights as Christian groups hold, could seriously deplete or destroy the slender finances through legal proceedings.

This is really a bridge too far and I wish to oppose the passing of such regulations as strongly as possible. They would constitute a total denial of my basic human and civil rights.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D.H. Allen', followed by a long horizontal flourish line extending to the right.

Very Rev. D.H. Allen