

Dear Sir,

I am writing to briefly register my response to articles 12 and 13 of the consultation paper.

On behalf of myself and my family I wish to request exceptions to protect the membership of Christian organisations and charities within the Sexual Orientation Regulations.

Forcing a Christian Organisation to accept someone in membership who rejects Christian ethics and principles by practising homosexuality is ridiculous, and in my view is in breach of the religious liberty and freedom of that organisation / charity. Would this legislation be forced upon Islamic or Jewish charities and organisations who would also as part of their religious beliefs be opposed to homosexuality? I would be interested if you could advise me on this.

I understand that the Labour Party does not have to accept Conservative Party members as activists, nor can supporters of fox hunting sue the RSPCA for refusing them membership. To force Christian Organisations and Charities to admit those who oppose their beliefs, strikes me as an act of blatant religious intolerance, and disrespect to those who seek to uphold Christian principles and values.

Please include exceptions to this proposed legislation, - allowing pro-homosexual groups to sue Christians and their various charities, societies and organisations would be devastating to the whole nation, in view of the incredible good work and selfless kindness that these organisations achieve world wide.

Yours faithfully
Clive Andrews