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Dear Judge Greenfield

Brighton County Court: Claim No. 5BN03502 Bennett v Brighton&Hove City Council

This is a covering letter to the Amended Particulars of Claim which I am bringing in to the Court office tomorrow.

I am sorry I am a little late but the reasons are good ones, too boring to recount. Today I telephoned Deborah Jones, the Council's solicitor who was in Court with us on 9 september 2005 to apologise and explain. She was at a meeting and asked me to ring tomorrow which I shall do. As the date set for the Case Management Conference is 18 November 2005 which is well over 3 weeks away I feel that my delay will not prejudice them. In any event, I am sorry.

On 9 September 2005 you pointed out that I could seek legal advice to "particularise" my claim. I did this and have received help from the RNID. The barrister who assisted me was at pains to point out that RNID is not acting as my legal representative in relation to my claim and that I must not indicate to the Court or anyone else that RNID is representing me or that RNID appear on Court Records as my representative. I hereby do all that. Any errors in the paperwork must be laid at my door.

There might be a slip in the amended Particulars of Claim against the word Damages. There was not time to get back to the barrister and so I have included the figure £4900. If I should not have included a figure then please consider it not there! As you know, I am much more interested in the Council remedying their perceived deficiencies vis-a-vis hearing-impaired people rather than damages. However I understand that I can withdraw the claim for damages later but cannot insert one later if it does not already appear. The figure of £4900 is somewhat contrived as it is designed to be below the £5000 threshold. I hope I have done nothing wrong here.

It appears that my original Particulars of Claim were submitted under the wrong part of the Civil Procedure Rules. Viz Part 8. I am sorry about that. I now request that the Court amends my claim so that it is considered as being under part 7 of the Civil Procedure Rules instead of Part 8.

Again, I request that my reader accompany me on 18 November 2005.

I am not sure if I can do this but I would like this case to be reserved to you especially as you indicated that you had some knowledge of the technical matters associated with hearing loss.

"And always keep ahold of Nurse
For fear of finding someone worse".

I undertake to get this covering letter and a copy of the amended Particulars of Claim to the legal people at King's House by 5.00 pm on 25 October 2005.

Yours Sincerely

Colin Bruce Bennett