

CLAIM No: 5BN03502

Colin Bennett v Brighton & Hove City Council

Witness Statement

My name is Bernard Evans, of 150 Eastern Road.

I was in the public gallery of Brighton Town Hall on 2nd. February 2005 behind Mr. Colin Bennett. I did not know Mr. Bennett at that time but have since met him on 18th. February 2006 in Sheepcote Valley. I understand that there is a dispute concerning the operation of the loop system for hearing aids at the Town Hall on 2nd. February 2005, so I am recounting my memory of that event.

Mr. Bennett questioned if the system was operating because he had difficulty hearing what was being said. The Inspector who was presiding at the hearing asked that the loop could be checked, and allowed Mr Bennett to sit in the well of the chamber, where he might hear better. After about twenty minutes someone, perhaps a technician, said that the system may have been turned off for some reason and would check it out.

I think I am correct in remembering that later, perhaps on the next day Mr. Bennett was asked if the loop was working. He said he did not think that it was, but could hear better from his new position.

Bernard Evans