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1. District Judge Merrick
2. Deborah Jones (or the solicitor acting for Brighton and Hove City Council in the Case)

Dear District Judge Merrick and Deborah Jones,

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

I refer to the Order made by District Judge Merrick made on 21 February 2006. There has been very good co-operation between the Council, the RNID and me. It is very likely that the commitments made by the Council by the dates 22 May 2006 and 17 July 2006 will be met.

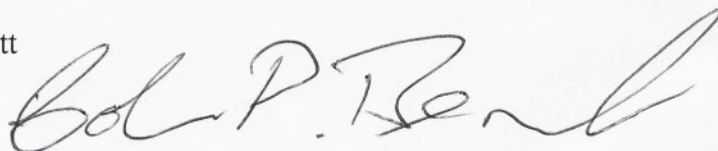
Briefly, there have been joint visits to all the venues. The salient points are that there is now a working induction loop in Brighton Town Hall Council Chamber and so the commitment by 17 July 2006 has been met. It may well be that the Council will decide to install an infra-red system there rather than continue to use the induction loop system and they have applied to themselves a planning permission to do just that. As to the commitment to 22 May 2006, it is not certain that this will be met but I am convinced that all parties are striving to do so and that it will be met by then or shortly afterwards.

In these circumstances, I request that there be no hearing in the Court on 22 May or soon afterwards since things are going so well. I'm copying this to the Council in the hope that their legal people will agree to this letter and will submit to the Court, after agreeing with with me, the proper form of words to adjourn matters *sine die*. I know it takes three to tango and therefore Mr. Merrick must agree to this too since it is his Order but it seems very likely that he will.

There has to be another meeting in the future to sort things out and deal with the cost aspects etc. but I will deal with this on another day.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Bennett



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