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GENDER RECOGNITION ACT CASE HEARING SET FOR MONDAY 27 JUNE 2005

John Allman is the applicant in a Human Rights Act-based Judicial Review application first brought in February 2005, against the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs. He is challenging the Gender Recognition Act.

Mr Allman also raised the serious human rights implications of the Gender Recognition Act in his candidate's election mailing, when standing as the "Alliance For Change, human rights first" Parliamentary candidate in Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency.

The candidate's election address mailing included the following text:

I'd also like to mention that I am presently taking the Secretary of State For Constitutional Affairs to court, challenging the Gender Recognition Act. I think that you should have the right to know if somebody you are planning getting married to has had a "sex change". Don't you?

This candidate was not a "single issue" candidate, concerned only with this one particular human rights issue. His election address leaflet reprinted the human rights-centred Core Policies of the Alliance For Change in full. These may be read on the Alliance For Change website.

The candidate stated: "It is plainly iniquitous to implement a law saying that a bridegroom, for example, has no right to *know* that his bride is really another man, who, because he was suffering from the 'mental illness' of 'gender dysphoria', has had medical treatment, including genital surgery, to disguise his true birth gender, and on whose behalf a government agency has issued a falsified birth certificate, falsely stating that the bride is a real woman. It's simply not fair. In my view, a person's gender is not something that can *really* be changed. Even if gender *were* something that *could* be changed, in any scientifically meaningful sense, people like me should *still* have their strong personal and religious beliefs, that gender cannot *really* be changed, respected, especially when not to respect their beliefs might affect their own private and family lives, even in their own bedrooms."

"The plot of the movie Weapons of Mass Distraction revolved around the tragic plight of a fictitious male character who discovered, to his horror, that he had 'married' a 'transgendered' male unawares, thinking mistakenly that he had married a real woman. Anybody who has been following the Big Brother TV programme should know that this could easily happen in the UK in *real life*, to *anybody*, if the Gender Recognition Act is implemented. That would not be *fair*. The Act leaves utterly defenceless those who merely want to be *allowed to care* what sex their spouses really are, and to be protected from suffering the deception which the fictitious character in the movie suffered. The Act means that practically nobody with the candidate's beliefs (e.g. Moslems, Jews, Christians, and politically incorrect *scientists*) can safely get married *at all*. Hence the essential legal challenge now underway."

Copies of the relevant legal papers are readable via a link on the Alliance For Change website.

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