How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?

In opposition

I find that the attempt to redefine the characteristics of the institution of Marriage to be unnecessary as homosexuals can currently enter into civil partnerships which legally define their relationship as co-habitees. I feel that the extension of a family group to include two "parents" of the same sex to be morally reprehensible whether by adoption or by surrogacy.

How would you characterise your views on the introduction of same sex marriage, so that same sex couples can marry each other?

In opposition

Marriage is universally the forum for the binding of two heterosexuals for life with the primary purpose of conceiving and rearing children between them. Love per se is not an issue, but can generally be the foundation for a lifetime commitment between the couple publically expressed by the couple voluntarily entering into the institution of marriage

How would you characterise your views on putting belief celebrants on the same footing as religious celebrants?

Neither

Spiritual leanings are irrelevant to the institution of Marriage one does not need to have religious beliefs or leanings to enter into the Institution of Marriage. Couples can enjoy a religious celebration of their union whether by Marriage or Civil Part

How would you characterise your views on the arrangements for authorising celebrants to solemnise opposite sex and same sex marriage (including the opt-in procedures)?

Neither

See my comments at 6

How would you characterise your views on civil partnerships changing to marriages?

In opposition

There can be no justification in law or based on so called human rights to entertain the concept.
How would you characterise your views on allowing civil marriage ceremonies to take place anywhere, other than religious premises, agreed between the couple and registrar?

Neither

See my comments at 6

How would you characterise your views on allowing the religious and belief registration of civil partnerships?

Neither

See my comments at 6

How would you characterise your views on allowing transgender persons to stay married when obtaining a full Gender Recognition Certificate, which provides legal recognition in the acquired gender?

In opposition

Transgender deformities should annul a Marriage on discovery of same

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of protections for those in society who may have concerns about same sex marriage?

There has been no overwhelming public movement for the reconstitution of Marriage to enable homosexuals to enter that institution. This has been promoted by political party members with a specific agenda related to their own sexuality. Homosexual Marriage has not been put before the electorate in any specific Manifesto for express approval for such a fundamental reorganisation of Society's moral compass. Changing the constitution of marriage without the patent approval of the overwhelming majority of Society is a crass abuse of process by politicians applying their own agenda.

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of freedom of speech?

Would you like to comment on any other wider issues in relation to the Bill that are not mentioned above?

Are you responding as...

a private individual and an elder emeritus of the Church of Scotland

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