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

We would only comment on the fact that there is a potential loss of income to Local Authorities in respect of loss of fees for ‘certificates of approval’ and potential loss of ‘ceremony income’ due to the increased number of celebrants.

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

We are not in a position to comment.

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

We have concern about the potential loss of income to Local Authorities as a result of the introduction of ‘belief’ celebrants. A clear definition of “belief” is required. There should be mechanisms in place to ensure that this system is not unduly abused.

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)?

No comment

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

No comment

How would you characterise your views on allowing civil marriage ceremonies to take place anywhere, other than religious premises, agreed between the couple and the registrar?

There will still require to be a short Health and Safety inspection by the Registrar who will also satisfy themselves that the premises (venue) is suitable to hold the ceremony.

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

We have concern about the potential loss of income to Local Authorities as a result of the introduction of ‘belief’ celebrants. A clear definition of “belief” is required. There should be mechanisms in place to ensure that this system is not unduly abused.

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?

No comment
Would you like to comment on the wider issue of protections for those in society who may have concerns about same sex marriage?

No comment

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

No comment

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

No comment

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