



**FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL
GENERAL REGULATORY CHAMBER
Charity**

Appellant: Regentford Ltd
Respondent: The Charity Commission
Judge: NJ Warren

DECISION NOTICE

1. I refuse to extend time for an appeal against the decision notified 13 July 2011.
2. In that decision notice the Charity Commission (“the Commission”) referred to the removal of Regentford Ltd (“Regentford”) in 2010 from the register of charities because it had been struck off the register of companies. Since then Regentford had been restored to the register of companies for the purpose of undertaking legal proceedings. The Commission’s notice explained that Regentford had now been restored to the register of charities also and asked six questions about the proposed litigation; about failure to file accounts; and about a property transaction. These questions ultimately led to the Commission opening an enquiry into Regentford on 23 October 2012. On 21 August 2013 I dismissed an application for a review of that decision. This ruling must be read in the context of the decision on the request for a review.
3. Regentford is able to point to the fact that the decision notice failed to explain the existence of their right of appeal. I accept that this is a serious error on the part of the Commission. On the other hand, if Regentford had responded promptly to the pertinent questions asked of it in the Commission’s letter they might have learned of their appeal rights much sooner.
4. In my judgement also, there is no merit to the appeal. It cannot be said that the order of the Companies Court amended “de facto” the company’s objectives. One

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need only pose the question, if the litigation were successful, would the funds which flowed into Regentford's account be "charitable"?

5. To extend time on this appeal would be to wastefully divert the resources of both Regentford and the Commission – who should now be concentrating on the current enquiry.

NJ Warren

Chamber President

Dated 12 September 2013