



**IN THE FIRST TIER TRIBUNAL (CHARITY)  
GENERAL REGULATORY CHAMBER**

**Appeal No. CA/2014/0011  
CRR/2014/0007**

**BETWEEN:**

**THRIFT URBAN HOUSING LIMITED  
PETER ALMAN**

**Appellants**

**- and -**

**THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND  
WALES**

**Respondent**

**TRIBUNAL: TRIBUNAL JUDGE PETER HINCHLIFFE**

**RULING**

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1. The Tribunal has considered the applications submitted by the Appellants on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 for;
  - a) the following information from the Charity Commission;

“ The date on which Ms Spiller checked companies house  
The date on which Ms Spiller viewed the charitys website”; and
  - b) Mr Alman to be permitted to give evidence when the hearing is resumed on 30<sup>th</sup> March for the following reasons:

“ There have been a number of attacks on me personally allegations of fraud. That has most serious consequences for my character and business standing. I was under the impression as a lay representative that it was inappropriate for me to give evidence. Clearly in the light of the continued attacks on my character by the commission and others it would be unfair if I was unable to give evidence to the Tribunal. “
2. The Tribunal asked Mr Alman to explain why the information in respect of Ms Spillar was likely to have an impact on the case. Mr Alman has not replied and on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 the Chairman of Thrift Urban Housing informed the Tribunal that Mr Alman was ill as a result of bringing this appeal and would not be able to respond.
3. The Charity Commission have objected to both applications made by Mr Alman and set out their reasons in an e-mail of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015, which has been seen by Mr Alman.

4. In the all of the circumstances of this case and in order to enable the Tribunal to deal with this case fairly and justly, The Tribunal rules as follows:
- a) The information relating to Ms Spillar, set out at 1 above need not be provided. It is not clear to the Tribunal that this information is likely to have a bearing on the outcome of the case. The information may be relevant to Mr Alman's broader concerns about the activities of the Charity Commission, but they have no obvious relevance to the appeal and review.
  - b) Mr Alman is permitted to submit a supplemental witness statement on or before 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 (on which he can be cross-examined, if the Commission deem this necessary). This will permit Mr Alman to provide any additional evidence that, due to his lack of legal representation and inexperience in tribunals, he felt unable to provide prior to, or at, the hearing. It is hoped that this approach will also assist Mr Alman in continuing to participate in the case, even though his health may continue to make it difficult for him to attend or to take a full part in the conduct of the case. Mr Alman will not be required or permitted to give evidence on 30th March 2015, but may be required to respond to cross-examination on his witness statement.

**Tribunal Judge**

**Peter Hinchliffe**

**Dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

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