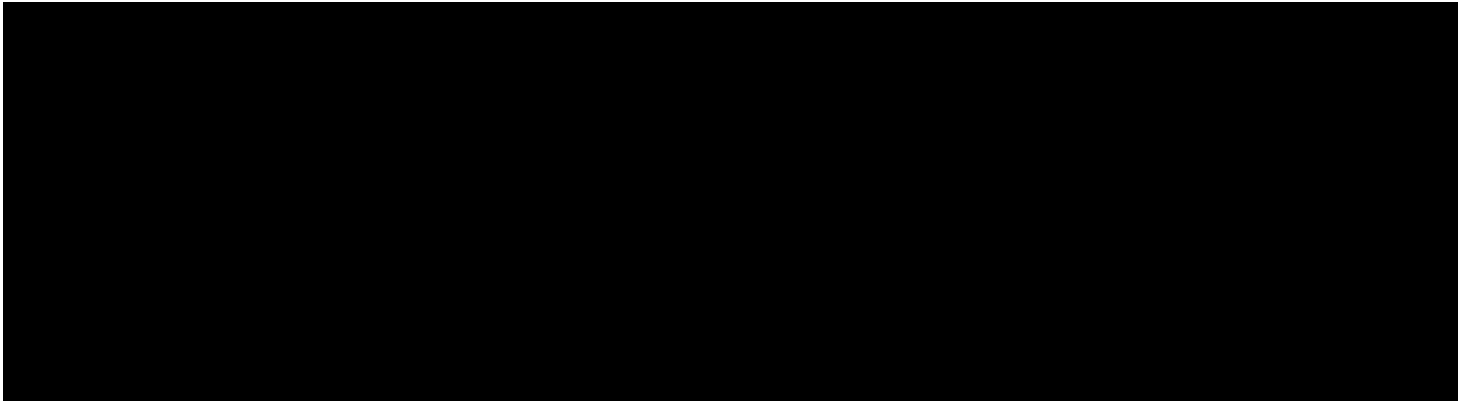




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Dear Amy

Further to your letter on Friday about virtual hearings we have contacted those of our clients who were due to give evidence. With regard to the Union of Hebrew Congregations whilst not wanting to prevent the progress of the hearing their witness, Rabbi Baumgarten, is in his 70's and as we mentioned at the first day of the hearing he is very concerned about leaving his home at the current time (indeed he has not done so for the past 11 days). He has limited IT capacity in his home and whilst UOHC itself has potential for video-link in its offices he would not be able to travel to the office nor would he want anyone to come to his home.

UOHC is not in principle against a virtual hearing but would find it difficult to proceed in April or indeed May assuming current lockdown restrictions continue. If there was some easing of limits particularly for the age demographic Rabbi Baumgarten falls in to by the end of June then I would hope at that stage we could make arrangements for him to travel to UOHC's offices in Stamford Hill and give his evidence from there.

Regards

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