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Dear Ms Wilkins-Jones

Further to our correspondence with the Commission over the past last year I have dwelt on the claim that in respect of compliance with CVT's Memorandum that the Commission "**cannot determine matters of ethos or doctrine**". This seems especially strange for the reasons that we have taken issue with you: -

1 in 2005 the Commission were instrumental in finalising the wording of the Memorandum in order to ensure that the Charity was compliant with the Commission's requirements

2 when you stated in your 2nd November 2012 letter that "**The communities are described as 'life-sharing' with 'career volunteers' or co-workers who live with the beneficiaries and provide them with care and support. This is a key feature and one which is valued both by beneficiaries and their families.**"

3 in your letter to CVT 23rd October 2013 "**Camphill Communities are unique because they are life-sharing communities with career volunteers (co-workers)**".

I understand that you have written recently in respect of the issue of the abandonment of the "**existing co-worker life share, live in family or household model of care**" for a bureaucratic model, that in order to establish whether the proposals are within the Objects "**(i.e. in accordance with the Steiner principles)**" you would first have to "**determine the principles of Dr Steiner**". Can I point out that this is incorrect. The Objects state "**...in accordance with the principles of Dr Rudolf Steiner (as summarised in the Appendix to this Memorandum)**". So rather than you having to "**determine the principles of Dr Steiner**" it is simply necessary to read the Appendix of the Memorandum which is headed "**Summary of the principles of Dr. Rudolf Steiner relating to the establishment and operation of Camphill charities.**" By doing this it will be clear, without the need for further determination, what the Founders' intentions were, what is meant by the Camphill way of life and that CVT have and are continuing to depart significantly from their governing document.

It is a simple fact therefore that the Charity Commission cannot not be "**satisfied that the trustees in reaching their decision to move from co-workers to employees have acted within their duties as trustees and followed the proper decision making process**" as **the first duty of trustees is that they must act in compliance with their governing documents, which clearly they are not**. I trust therefore that you will remind the trustees of the need to comply with the document that sets out their responsibilities clearly and comprehensively and look forward to your confirmation that you will do so.

I would be grateful for your early acknowledgement of this email and look forward to your reply in due course.

Best regards

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