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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Commission statement on the forthcoming case against Ashers bakery Co Ltd**

The Commission is supporting an individual taking a case before the County Court alleging discrimination under two anti-discrimination statutes – the Equality Act (Sexual Orientation) Regulations (NI) 2006 and the Fair Employment and Treatment Order (NI) 1998.

This case raises issues of public importance regarding the extent to which suppliers of goods and services can refuse service on grounds of sexual orientation, religious belief and/or political opinion.

The Commission's policy is not to discuss the details of any case we are supporting once proceedings have been issued. This is a matter for the Court to deal with now and we do not wish to prejudice the Court's consideration of the issues or the outcome of its consideration by debating the details of the case in public.

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