FORM 3 (Rules 6 and 17)

Clergy Discipline Measure 2003

Statement in support of a Complaint, or in support of an Answer to a Complaint

Box for use only by the Registrar of Tribunals	*Statement submitted by:* *Name of maker of statement:* *Date of statement:*

In the matter of the complaint

Enter the name of the complainant.
Enter the name of the member of the clergy about whom a complaint is made.

made by The Board of Deputies of British Jews

against: Rev Dr Stephen Sizer

My full name is: Diana Neslen

My contact address, including postcode, is:

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***Telephone & e-mail details are optional, but it could be helpful to the registrar and bishop to have them.*

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The matters in this statement to which I refer are all within my own knowledge, except where I indicate otherwise. If anything is not within my own knowledge then I set out the source of any matters of information and belief:

*You must explain in your statement how you know about each of the matters you describe, **unless** you know about them because you have **personally** seen or observed them.*

In 2012 I had occasion to support the Reverend Stephen Sizer who was under attack for 'antisemitism'. It was clear to me then as it is now that the Revered Sizer is no antisemite. In fact he is a strong antiracist who challenges oppression wherever he finds it.

I have no reason to change the views that I set out in 2012. In fact I am dismayed that the Board of Deputies has dredged this tired canard up again and are trying heartlessly to destroy Stephen's livelihood.

The Board of Deputies does not speak for all Jews and it should be noted that in their unceasing advocacy for Israel they have encouraged many Jews to distance themselves from their organisation.

I have now read the two added complaints that Ms Van Zyl has made about the Reverend Sizer and can find nothing antisemitic in them. Israel is a state and must make its own arguments in defence of its egregious actions. It does no one any good for Israel and its supporters to defend themselves by abusing the very important issue of antisemitism which all of us recognise is sadly on the rise again.

I believe the facts in my statement to be true. I am aware that the contents of this statement may be made public

You must sign and date this statement.

Signed: Diana Neslen

Dated: 26 November 2018