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SCIENTOLOGY APPEAL DATE POSTPONED

DESPITE a protest from East Grinstead Urban Council to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, an appeal concerning the Church of Scientology has been postponed from May 29, and arrangements are being made to try and hold the hearing in July.

When the Planning Committee of East Grinstead Urban Council met on Tues-

day, Mr. H. C. Jones, clerk, reported that he had made representations opposing the postponement on the grounds that the December 1966 inquiry had been cancelled at short notice, that many people had been notified of the present inquiry and some had instructed professional representatives, that the Council's official statement had already been despatched and other procedural steps taken, that accommodation had been booked for the inquiry, and that there was still a month for the appellants to brief someone else to represent them as the Council would have been expected to do in such circumstances.

Mr. Howard Sharp, representing the appellants, had requested a postponement due to his indisposition.

The Ministry decided to accede to his request and had expressed regret to the Council for any inconvenience caused.