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Ms. Glynis McKeand,
Secretary to the Sheriff Court Rules Council,
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Dear Ms. McKeand,

Sheriff Court Rules Council Consultation Paper

Thank you for your letter of 15th September, 2004.

Rather than answer each individual question, I would simply welcome the ten recommendations. The advantages in time, cost and convenience to all court users are considerable.

The only reservation I would have is in relation to security. I would wish to be confident that any pleadings and adjustments thereto would be made through a secure link and could not be altered without my knowledge.

With regard to the penultimate paragraph, I do not wish my views to remain confidential.

Yours sincerely,

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