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To our Partners

### **Provision of court services within the City of London Square Mile**

I am writing as I wanted to bring to your attention a joint announcement today by Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service and the City of London Corporation about a potential new flagship location for justice in the Square Mile.

This proposal, which is currently at the early stages of development, has the potential to vastly improve court provision in the City of London, allowing the courts and tribunals to provide a modern, accessible service to users, while building and enhancing the City of London's status as a centre for legal excellence. It will involve the establishment of a world-class fraud, economic crime and cyber-crime centre, and the consolidation of the current City of London County Court and the City of London Magistrates' Court into a new, purpose built, cutting edge court property located in the Fleet Street area of the City.

HMCTS and the City of London Corporation are in the process of conducting feasibility work to better understand the costs and work involved in making this exciting opportunity a reality. Once preparatory work is complete, recommendations will be made to Ministers, who will make the final decision on whether to proceed.

The proposal has the full support of the senior judiciary, including the new Lord Chief Justice, and we will work with you as the results of the feasibility study become known and we are in a position to make a recommendation to ministers on whether the scheme goes ahead.

Please feel free to, as appropriate, to cascade this information to your colleagues and interested parties at a national and regional level. Alternatively, if you would like to discuss this further, please do let me know.

Yours sincerely

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