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Dear member of the Circuit,

I am writing to assist those who are pursuing CPS grading appeals. I am conscious that the word limit is very tight and I am seeing whether anything can be done about this. Although new references cannot be submitted, new evidence can be. If the word limit is too restrictive, you may have to use the new evidence provision to outline further material which satisfies the competencies. Whilst an all-purpose new reference is not permitted, I cannot see why you should not provide a letter from an opponent, police officer, CPS lawyer or judge which contains new evidence of your ability relevant to a distinct heading. I would also advise you to request information concerning your original marks, as to whether references were actually submitted on your behalf, and if so, for sight of them. This will enable you properly to focus your appeal. I hope there may be some changes to the provisions. Do not therefore put in your appeal in a rush!

Kind regards

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From Nicholas Hilliard QC  
Leader of the South Eastern Circuit