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Dear Sir/Madam,

Consultation on proposed changes to the Tribunal Procedure (Upper Tribunal) (Lands Chamber) Rules 2010

I wrote to you in June 2012 when the Tribunal Procedure Committee (TPC) was conducting a consultation to seek views on the proposed rules for a new Property Chamber in the First-tier Tribunal.

I am now writing to ensure that you are aware of a consultation on the proposed consequential changes to the Upper Tribunal Lands Chamber (UTLC) rules to enable appeals from the Property Chamber to be dealt with.

This consultation opened in mid-September and closes on **5 December 2012**.

The consultation paper; draft rules; and a response questionnaire, should you wish to use it, can be found on the TPC website at:

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/about/moj/advisory-groups/tribunal-procedure-committee/ts-committee-open-consultations>

The purpose of the TPC is to make rules governing the practice and procedure in the First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal created by the Tribunals Courts and Enforcement Act 2007. The Committee has been guided by the following principles:

- to make the rules as simple and streamlined as possible;
- to avoid unnecessarily technical language;
- to enable tribunals to continue to operate tried and tested procedures which have been shown to work well; and
- to adopt common rules across tribunals wherever possible, so that rules specific to a chamber or a tribunal are permitted only where there is a clear and demonstrated need for them.

With these principles in mind, we welcome written feedback on the proposed rule amendments. Please respond by email to tpcsecretariat@justice.gsi.gov.uk, by letter to the above address, or by completing the questionnaire on the website.

Yours faithfully,

Julie McCallen
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