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**Consultation on the closure of courts and tribunals in England and Wales**

*Dear Sailesh,*

I am writing with regard the consultation proposal for court closures across England.

I understand that the consultation proposes the closure of either Bath Magistrates Court or North Avon Magistrate's Court, more commonly known as Yate Magistrate's Court, which falls in my constituency.

I am writing to ask that regardless of the decision made, my constituents currently working at the site, who wish to continue working for the Ministry of Justice in their current, or similar roles, are able to do so and that their jobs are protected.

Are you able to offer assurance that if the Yate Magistrate's Court was to close, my constituents would be offered transitional support and that the government will work with them closely to find new appropriate employment?

I look forward to receiving your reply so I may be able to write back to my constituents on this matter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'L. Hall'.

Luke Hall MP  
Member of Parliament for Thornbury, Yate and the surrounding villages