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**STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT
INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE**

Mr David Lynds JP

A spokesperson for the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

"Mr David Lynds, a Magistrate assigned to the East Kent Local Justices Area has been removed following an investigation into his conduct. It was found that during a sitting Mr Lynds failed to understand the role of the Legal Adviser and failed to communicate with his bench colleagues and the Legal Adviser in an appropriate manner. The Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice also found that the way in which Mr Lynds introduced and subsequently withdrew evidence in the course of these proceedings and the inconsistency of his account in this respect, failed to demonstrate the qualities required of a Magistrate.

The Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice considered therefore that Mr Lynds failed to demonstrate the standard expected of a judicial office holder and have therefore removed him from office."

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