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Demolition clears the way for new Justice Centre

You are invited to send a reporter and photographer to:

TO: Magistrates' Court, Newbold Terrace, Leamington Spa, CV32 4EA.

ON: Monday 2nd June 2008

AT: 11:15 AM

FOR: The chance to photograph the demolition of the Magistrates' Court by the High Sheriff of Warwickshire.

There will also be the opportunity to interview the High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Anna Trye; Richard Lyttle, Warwickshire Justice Centre Programme Director; Assistant Chief Constable Bill Holland, Chair of the Warwickshire Criminal Justice Board; Mark Lynn, Chief Crown Prosecutor for the Crown Prosecution Service; Liz Stafford, Chief Officer Warwickshire Probation and a senior representative from the Courts Service.

The Magistrates Courts and offices in Newbold Terrace, Leamington Spa are being demolished for work to commence on the new £26M justice centre.

Warwickshire High Sheriff, Anna Trye, has been invited to assist in demolishing the courts where thousands of people have been sentenced during the past 40 years.

The unique justice centre will be the first in the country where all the justice agencies, including Crown Courts, will be co-located with improved access to services, particularly for victims and witnesses.

Richard Lyttle, Programme Director said:

'The demolition of these buildings will make way for an important public building where agencies will work together to cut crime and deliver justice.'

The centre will provide access to:

- 24/7 Policing
- Shared Custody Services
- Police Judicial Services
- Crown Prosecution Service
- 4 Crown Courts, 3 Magistrates Courts, 2 County Courts
- Probation Service
- Youth Offending Service
- Victim and Witness Support Services
- Witness Support Suite

The High Sheriff and Chief Executives of the Justice Agencies will meet the contractors on site on Monday 2 June 2008 to assist in the demolition work.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

To assist us with health and safety, please notify Claire Hendrie of the reporter/photographer you will be sending by COP Friday 30th May 2008.

Any media attending will need to report to Claire Hendrie by 11:15 AM on 2nd June, outside the Magistrates' Court on Newbold Terrace for a health & safety briefing and to collect site safety clothing prior to the arrival of the High Sheriff and Official party (at approx 11:30 AM)

For a 3D impression of the Justice Centre, please see below. Jpeg available on request.



For further information please contact:
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