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Dear Mr Poole,

**Deciding small claims on paper – proposed amendments to CPR Part 27**

APIL is grateful for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed amendments to CPR Part 27 to allow courts to decide small claims on paper.

We understand that these proposals seek to implement the Small Claims Paper Determination Pilot (PD 51ZC). However, there is a lack of clarity regarding the application of the rules to low-value road traffic accident (RTA) personal injury claims.

Personal injury RTA claims were excluded from the pilot and are already subject to the Official Injury Claim process and associated rules and practice directions. The justification for implementing paper determinations rests on the success of the pilot, which did not test RTA personal injury claims.

While Practice Direction 27B already includes its own provisions that apply or disapply the relevant subsections of Part 27, we suggest that the CPRC takes this opportunity to provide clarification within Part 27 that low-value RTA personal injury claims fall outside the scope of paper determinations.

We hope our comments prove useful.

Yours sincerely,

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