Justice Committee

Scottish Court Service recommendations for a future court structure in Scotland

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The tradition in Scotland to enable its citizens to gather at a local venue in the parish or county where they reside for a public court hearing of issues and claims is important. The people who live and work in East Lothian can meet at a court room in Haddington as each side in a dispute can present their case where local people can hear the evidence as well as the legal teams. Justice can be seen to be available near their place of work and residence. The East Lothian Courier on page 23 of the paper dated 12 May indicates that holding such a court in Haddington would also be less costly than using a site in Edinburgh. There is also a convenience factor for the witnesses who may be called to the court.

I represented the people who live in the area (Haddington (and ward)) for some years on the local authority.

I hope the local court can continue to operate in the Haddington court.

Justice for the people, by the people, and near to where they live.

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