



STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

MR PETER HARDWIDGE HIETT

A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:

“Following a complaint about Mr Peter Hardwidge Hiett, a magistrate appointed to the West Suffolk Bench, a Conduct Panel found that his behaviour and appearance while shopping fell below the standards expected of all magistrates and brought the magistracy into disrepute. The Conduct Panel recommended his removal from office. The Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice agreed with this recommendation and have removed Mr Hardwidge Hiett from the magistracy.”

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