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Dear Chris,

RE: SRA (Disciplinary Procedure) Rules 2010

We confirm that there are no competition concerns we wish to raise with this application.

We note the outstanding issue concerning the standard of proof. From a consumer protection point it may be better if the SRA use the civil standard of proof to raise consumer trust in the protection system. Using a criminal standard for minor disciplinary matters could lead to much less misconduct being punished and in the long term this could have a detrimental effect on consumer trust.

Yours sincerely,



David Stallibrass



