Points of Dispute

These Points of Dispute are served on behalf of the Defendant in response to the Claimant’s Bill of Costs dated 1 May 2025 in respect of claim CL-2024-000123. The Defendant disputes the costs claimed on the following grounds:

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| Item No. | Description | Objection | Justification |
| 1 | Initial client meeting and instructions (Grade A, 1.5 hrs) | Excessive hourly rate | The use of a Grade A fee earner is unjustified at this early stage. |
| 2 | Drafting letter before action (Grade B, 2.0 hrs) | Duplicative work | This work duplicates initial advice and should be reduced. Time also appears excessive. |
| 4 | Case management conference (Grade B, 2.5 hrs) | Excessive time claimed | Standard attendance at CMC should not exceed 1.5 hrs. The rate is not proportionate. |
| 5 | Preparing trial bundle and attending trial – Day 1 (Grade A, 6.0 hrs) | Unreasonable length of time | Claimant’s solicitors had conduct throughout. Preparing bundle should have been minimal. |

The Defendant reserves the right to add further Points of Dispute upon receipt of further documentation or clarification.