



**Criminal Appeals route through  
the consultation paper:  
journalism**

*All numbered questions and paragraphs below are hyperlinked to the relevant pages online.*

The Law Commission published a [consultation paper](#) on Criminal Appeals on 27 February. Consultation runs until 27 June 2025. By our [terms of reference](#), our review aims at ensuring that appeals and their consequences are effectively, efficiently and appropriately resolved.

This short “route through” the consultation paper is aimed at those concerned with or involved in **journalism**. If you can and want to, we recommend that you read the full consultation paper. However, we do not expect or prefer that respondents to our consultation answer all 108 of our consultation questions; this route through is aimed at enabling those concerned in journalism to read parts of the paper of core relevance to them so that they can answer the consultation questions of most relevance to them.

Alternatively, you can read our 37-page [summary paper](#), of which summary consultation questions [18](#) and [25](#) will be of particular relevance to those involved in journalism.

### **How to respond**

You can respond to any and all of the full consultation paper’s questions via our [online form](#) and navigate by chapter. You can also respond to our summary via its [form](#). Alternatively, you can email us with answers or queries at [criminal.appeals@lawcommission.gov.uk](mailto:criminal.appeals@lawcommission.gov.uk).

### **Areas of most relevance to those concerned with or involved in journalism**

Anonymity for children in appeal proceedings (Chapter [5](#))

See [5.227 to 5.240](#) and Question [15](#).

The Criminal Cases Review Commission’s power to release information (Chapter [11](#))

See [11.255 to 11.262](#) and Question [64](#).

Appeals concerning reporting restrictions (Chapter [12](#))

See [12.93 to 12.100](#) and [12.121 to 12.132](#) and Question [73](#).

Enabling access to material for the purposes of responsible journalism (Chapter [15](#))

See [15.36 to 15.51](#), [15.75 to 15.78](#) and [15.185 to 15.196](#) and Question [96](#).