



Information about hearings

The hearing is to enable submitters to state their case to the Council. The hearing is a formal semi-judicial process, but will be conducted as informally as possible.

Please note that only the hearing panel members can ask questions about submissions at the hearing. You can ask questions about procedure if you don't understand what's going on, but seek permission from the chair before doing so.

The submitters who have advised they wish to be heard will be allocated 5 minutes to address their submissions and answer questions from the Council. When your name is called, please move forward and sit at the table. You will be invited to speak to your submission and the hearing committee might ask you questions about your submission. There is no cross-examination at a council hearing, so when you are finished speaking it is the next person's turn.

You must not interrupt someone else who is speaking at the hearing, even if you disagree with what the person is saying.

After everybody has a chance to speak, the hearing will be closed to the public so the Council can make decisions.

The Council will write to you to tell you about the outcome of the hearing.

Thank you for participating.