# Hearing appeal process

## Appeal Submission

The Appellant submits appeal and all associated information including a Statement of Case (SoC) and draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG).

## Appeal Starts

Once we have assessed the appropriate procedure and the appeal is valid we will send a Hearing notification to both the Appellant and the LPA to confirm that the appeal has started.

The Notification sets outs the timetable for further written exchanges, the date of the event and the anticipated decision date.

**START**

## Interested parties notified

The LPA notifies any parties who commented on the planning application, neighbouring properties or anyone else who may have an interest of the appeal and of the deadline to submit written representations. The LPA also sends us the questionnaire.

**1 week after Start**

## Comments

This is the deadline by when we need to receive the LPA SoC and any additional comments in writing from interested parties including local residents.

## Agreed SoCG

The LPA sends us the main SoCG that they have jointly prepared and agreed with the appellant.

**5 weeks after Start**

## Hearing Notification

Confirmation of the arrangements for the hearing, including the date and time, should be notified to all interested parties.

## Inspector Note[1]

Any directions from the Inspector or specific requests for further information will be communicated to the parties.

**7 weeks after Start**

## Hearing

The Inspector will conduct the Hearing which, if a virtual event, may include separate arrangement of a site inspection if site access is required.

**Between 10 and 14 weeks after Start**

## Reporting

After the Hearing is closed, reporting commences. The Inspector considers all the evidence provided to them and writes a decision.

## Decision

The decision is issued to all parties and published online.

**Within 24 weeks of Start**

The Planning Inspectorate

[1] In some cases the Inspector may decide to hold a case conference