

1. The link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-appeals-dealt-with-by-an-inquiry-taking-part/guide-to-taking-part-in-planning-and-listed-building-consent-appeals-proceeding-by-an-inquiry> gives general guidance for local people who wish to speak at a Public Inquiry. Particular attention is drawn to Section 9 'Before the inquiry'.
2. This sets out:

'If you want to speak at the inquiry, you need to think about what you want to say and how you want to say it. Some people prefer to make, or read out, a brief statement giving their views. If there are several people with the same views, it is a good idea for one person to speak on behalf of the others.'
3. It would assist the Inspector, in arranging the Inquiry programme, if those who wish to speak could inform the Inquiry Programme Officer as soon as possible. The Inspector will also ask, in opening the Inquiry, whether there are further individuals who wish to speak.
4. The Inspector will endeavour to incorporate local residents into a single session of the Inquiry programme, which, if so required, may be held in an evening. In the Inspector's experience, a timed slot of no more than 5 minutes is usually sufficient for most people to have their say.
5. The Inspector would find it helpful if those wishing to take part speak to a prepared statement submitted electronically (where possible) through the Inquiry Programme Officer. Please email her at yvonneparker@programmeofficers.co.uk