



The Planning Inspectorate
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Consultation and Publicity



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- 4.1 Following formal confirmation of a valid DNS application, the five week representation period starts. During this period, relevant consultation and publicity will be carried out by the Inspectorate.
- 4.2 This stage gives specialist consultees and Community Councils an opportunity to provide final representations on the DNS application.

How will the consultation and publicity period be carried out?

- 4.3 The consultation of certain specialist consultees and Community Councils will be done by email, with links provided to electronic versions of the application documents.
- 4.4 Consultees must make a 'substantive response' or confirm that comments will not be made. Deadlines can be extended if the statutory consultee and the applicant both agree, and it does not negatively impact on the examination timetable.
- 4.5 There is no requirement for the Inspectorate to contact anyone who has expressed an interest in being consulted and/or who previously made comments on the draft DNS project at the pre-application stage.
- 4.6 The table below summarises the publicity requirements and the responsible bodies.

Responsible authority	Publicity or consultation requirement
The Inspectorate	Letters to statutory consultees
	Publishing material on DNS website
	Informing LPA(s) of the requirement to submit an LIR
	Press notice in local newspaper
The Inspectorate, with input from the LPA	Neighbour notification letters
	Notification to Community Councils
	Letters to interested parties and organisations
LPA	Erection of site notices (copies to be supplied by the Inspectorate)
	Placing a copy of the application on the local planning register

- 4.7 Prior to the consultation period, the Inspectorate will contact the LPA to identify the actions the Authority is required to take. Usually this will involve sending an example site notice and requesting information about relevant Community Councils and relevant local societies.

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Representations

- 4.8 Anyone may make a representation. Provided it has been received within the identified period, it will be recorded and published by the Inspectorate.
- 4.9 When publishing representations any sensitive personal data will be redacted in line with General Data Protection Regulations 2018 and the Data Protection Act 1998.
- 4.10 Representors' names and addresses will not be redacted, unless they have specifically requested that those details are withheld. In all cases, it is normal practice for representors' details to be held on internal records.

Local Impact Reports

- 4.11 The relevant LPA(s) for the area in which the DNS application is located are required to produce a Local Impact Report (LIR) (more guidance on this is provided in Appendix 5).

Varying the DNS Application

- 4.12 Following the closure of the five week representation period, the applicant has 10 working days to consider whether they wish to 'vary' the DNS application.
- 4.13 If the applicant wishes to vary the scheme, they must complete the 'Notification of intention to vary' form and forward it to the Inspectorate.
- 4.14 If the Inspectorate agrees to the variation, any revised application documents must be submitted within 28 days. During this time, the Inspectorate will suspend the DNS examination.
- 4.15 If the variation is not accepted, the scheme as originally submitted will continue to be examined.
- 4.16 The Inspectorate cannot examine an amended scheme if the proposed variation is substantial; only minor changes will be accepted.