

## **HEARINGS – REPRESENTATIONS AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

1. Members of the Panel may ask any question of any party or other person appearing at the hearing.
2. In considering any representations or notice made by a party, the Panel may take into account documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representations or Notice, (as applicable), either before the hearing or, with the consent of all the other parties at the hearing.

## **HEARINGS – CONSEQUENCES WHERE A PARTY DOES NOT ATTEND, OR IS NOT REPRESENTED AT A HEARING**

- (1) If a party has informed the Authority that he does not intend to attend, or be represented at, a hearing, the hearing may proceed in his absence.
- (2) If a party who has not so indicated fails to attend, or be represented, at a hearing, the Authority may:
  - (a) where it considers it to be **necessary in the public interest**, adjourn the hearing to a specified date, or
  - (b) hold the hearing in the party's absence.
- (3) Where the Authority holds the hearing in the absence of a party, the Authority shall consider at the hearing, the application, representations or Notice made by that party.
- (4) Where the Authority adjourns the hearing to a specified date, it must, forthwith, notify the parties of the date, time and place to which the hearing has been adjourned