

The Commissioner MAY

- Lead the participants on to the appeal site
- Ask to look inside any existing building, whether on the site or elsewhere
- View the appeal site from neighbouring land or buildings
- Invite the participants to travel by car to a critical viewpoint if it is beyond reasonable walking distance.

An accompanied site visit generally lasts no longer than 30 minutes. At the end, the Commissioner will ask the representatives of each party to confirm that everything they wish him or her to see has been pointed out. The Commissioner will then close the site visit and prepare the appeal decision.

The Commissioner WILL NOT

- Accept plans, photographs or other documents from anyone
- Permit discussion of legal or policy issues
- Permit debate about points made in the participants' written evidence
- Entertain any new reasoning or evidence.

The Commissioner MAY

- Abandon the site visit if the weather is so bad that it would be impossible to inspect the appeal site and its surroundings properly – in that case, alternative arrangements will be made
- Seek clarification of straightforward matters of fact arising from the appeal papers or written evidence.



Please note that at any stage in the process the Commission may write out seeking further information from the parties or may arrange a hearing to explore a gap in the written evidence which appears to be critical to the outcome of the appeal.

What to expect at an Accompanied Site Visit



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