

SCHEDULE 1

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber Rules of Procedure 2016

PART 2

Procedure in respect of homeowner applications

Exclusion of persons disrupting proceedings

25.—(1) Without prejudice to any other powers it has, the First-tier Tribunal may exclude from any hearing or part of it—

- (a) any person (including a party, a representative or a supporter) whose conduct has disrupted the hearing or is likely, in the opinion of the First-tier Tribunal, to disrupt the hearing;
- (b) any person (including any party, representative or supporter) whose presence is likely, in the opinion of the First-tier Tribunal, to make it difficult for any other person to make representations or present evidence necessary for the proper conduct of the hearing.

(2) In deciding whether to exercise the power conferred by paragraph (1) the First-tier Tribunal must, apart from other considerations, have regard to—

- (a) the interests of the parties; and
- (b) in the case of the exclusion of a party or a representative of a party, whether the party will be adequately represented.

(3) If the First-tier Tribunal decides to exclude a party it must allow any representative of that party sufficient opportunity to consult the party.