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## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F1</sup>SCHEDULE 2A

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS ABOUT BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 2A inserted (16.2.2011) by Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 (c. 1), s. 19(1), Sch. 11 (with s. 13(5))

##### *Procedure at hearings*

- 5 It is for the chair of each public hearing to determine the procedure that is to govern that hearing.
- 6 The chair shall make arrangements for a public hearing to begin with an explanation of—
- (a) the proposals with which the hearing is concerned;
  - (b) how written representations about the proposals may be made (as mentioned in section 5(1)(a), (4)(b) [<sup>F2</sup>, (4B)(b)] or (5)(c) of this Act).

##### Textual Amendments

- F2** Word in Sch. 2A para. 6(b) inserted (14.12.2020) by Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020 (c. 25), s. 14(2), Sch. para. 5(2) (with s. 13(2))

- 7 (1) The chair of a public hearing must allow representations to be made—
- (a) by each qualifying party;
  - (b) by any other persons (whether individuals or organisations) considered by the chair to have an interest in any of the proposals with which the hearing is concerned.

Paragraph (b) above has effect subject to sub-paragraph (3)(b) below.

- (2) The chair may restrict the amount of time allowed for representations—
- (a) by qualifying parties, and
  - (b) by other persons,
- and need not allow the same amount to each.
- (3) The chair may determine—
- (a) the order in which representations are made, and
  - (b) if necessary because of shortage of time, which of those wishing to make representations are not allowed to do so,
- in whatever way the chair decides.

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- 8      (1) The chair may put questions, or allow questions to be put, to a person present at the hearing.
- (2) If questions are allowed to be put, the chair may regulate the manner of questioning or restrict the number of questions a person may ask.]

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