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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 56**

**The Developments of National  
Significance (Wales) Regulations 2016**

**PART 7**

**Hearings**

**Procedure at hearing**

**26.**—(1) The appointed person presides at any hearing and must determine the procedure at the hearing, subject to these Regulations.

(2) A hearing is to take the form of a discussion led by the appointed person and cross-examination is not to be permitted.

(3) Where the appointed person considers that cross-examination is required the appointed person must consider (after consulting the applicant) whether the hearing should be closed and an inquiry held instead.

(4) At the start of the hearing the appointed person must identify what are, in the appointed person's opinion, the matters on which the appointed person requires further representations at the hearing.

(5) The applicant, the local planning authority and any person invited to take part in a hearing are entitled to call evidence.

(6) The appointed person may permit any other person to call evidence.

(7) The appointed person may refuse to permit the giving or production of evidence or presentation of any other matter which the appointed person considers to be irrelevant or repetitious.

(8) Where the appointed person refuses to permit the giving of oral evidence, the person wishing to give the evidence may submit to the appointed person representations in writing before the close of the hearing.

(9) The appointed person may—

(a) require any person taking part in, or present at, a hearing who, in the appointed person's opinion, is behaving in a disruptive manner to leave; and

(b) refuse to permit that person to return; or

(c) permit that person to return only on such conditions as the appointed person may specify, but any such person may submit to the appointed person representations in writing before the close of the hearing.

(10) The appointed person may take into account any written representation or other document received before a hearing closes provided that the appointed person discloses it at the hearing.

(11) The appointed person may invite any person taking part in the hearing to make closing submissions and any person doing so must before the close of the hearing provide the appointed person with a copy of their closing submissions in writing.

(12) Subject to paragraph (6) the appointed person may permit any person to make oral representations at the hearing.

(13) Any person entitled or permitted to make oral representations at a hearing may do so on their own behalf or be represented by another person.