

# public presentations including planning committees

Staff in the DLP Consulting Group are well versed in undertaking a wide variety of public presentations for all types and sizes of projects, from an extension to an existing single dwelling house to mixed-use development projects on sites in excess of 100 hectares. Our expertise covers concepts and principles as well as matters of the smallest detail in the spheres of planning, design and transportation.

Examples of public presentations undertaken by DLP include:

- Public Consultation Events
- Planning Committees
- Site Inspection Panels/Committees
- Marketing Events
- Appeal Hearings and Public Inquiries
- Conferences and Seminars
- Local Development Framework and Examinations in Public (EiPs)

The organisation, coordination and preparation required for such events are all important elements to get right in order to ensure such presentations run smoothly and add value to the development project. A holistic approach and a sound knowledge of the background to the case are required, as well as the need to liaise with others in a project team who may be involved. DLP often act as project managers on development projects and are therefore well-placed to fulfil this role.

## Planning Committees

Most local planning authorities across the country have adopted a Public Participation or Public Speaking System at their Committees. This provides an important opportunity to speak directly to the decision makers, a Committee made up of elected representatives.

Our input usually entails speaking in favour of a planning application on behalf of the applicant. However, we are equally able to present the case on behalf of those who wish to object to an application. The main issues to consider on these occasions are to keep the presentation brief and relevant, as the time allowed for the presentation is usually limited to 3 or at most 5 minutes. In addition, it is important to avoid the use of planning jargon by using Plain English.

## Public Consultation

Our role in public consultations is often focused on the presentation of an exhibition of our client's proposals. We are experienced in the organisation of such exhibitions which may be supported by the preparation of a website and of questionnaires in order to allow the public to consider and express their views in full.

Public presentation in this form brings the opportunity to establish a dialogue with local people and handled with sensitivity and skill can often contribute to minimising local objection to development in advance of an application.

In all cases DLP staff can advise and assist in determining the best way to present your proposals and will conduct the appropriate presentation with diligence and enthusiasm.

