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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Coastal Access Reports (Consideration and Modification Procedure) (England) Regulations 2010**

**PART 5**

**HEARINGS AND LOCAL INQUIRIES**

*Inquiries: specific provisions*

**Pre-inquiry meeting**

**19.**—(1) Before holding an inquiry, AP may hold a meeting to consider what may be done to ensure that the inquiry is conducted efficiently and expeditiously (a “pre-inquiry meeting”).

(2) AP must give not less than 14 days’ notice in writing of the pre-inquiry meeting to any person to whom notice of the inquiry must be given under regulation 13(3).

(3) Notice of the pre-inquiry meeting must specify the date, time and place of the meeting.

(4) At the pre-inquiry meeting, AP must—

- (a) preside;
- (b) determine the matters to be discussed and the procedure to be followed; and
- (c) determine the nature of any documentation that must be submitted to the inquiry and the deadlines for doing so.

(5) Where AP thinks that any person present at the pre-inquiry meeting is behaving in a disruptive manner, AP may do any of the following—

- (a) require that person to leave;
- (b) refuse to allow that person to return or to attend any further pre-inquiry meeting;
- (c) permit that person to return or to attend any further meeting on specified conditions.

(6) AP may hold a further pre-inquiry meeting, and must give such notice of that further meeting as AP thinks necessary.

(7) AP may give notice cancelling a pre-inquiry meeting where the objection has been withdrawn before the start of that meeting.

**Procedure at the inquiry**

**20.**—(1) The inquiry is to take the form of a formal examination of the issues led by AP.

(2) Natural England must appear first at the inquiry (unless AP determines otherwise).

(3) AP must determine the order in which other persons appear at the inquiry.

(4) Any person appearing at the inquiry may cross-examine any other person appearing at the inquiry.

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(5) Where AP thinks that a line of cross-examination is irrelevant or repetitious, AP may require that cross-examination to be discontinued.