

IPC decision making. The six steps

The IPC has 28 days to decide whether there has been effective consultation and whether the application meets the required standards.

A decision on the proposal is issued within three months, with a statement of reasons.

Pre-application

Acceptance by the IPC

Pre-examination

Examination

Decision

Post-decision

Look out for early information in local media and in public places near the location of the proposed project, such as your library. The promoter will be developing their proposals and will consult widely. You may also wish to talk to your local authority and local interest groups.

You can now register as an interested party; you will be kept informed of progress and opportunities to be involved. Commissioners will hold preliminary meetings and set a timetable.

You can send in your comments by writing and can speak at a public hearing. The IPC has six months to carry out the examination.

There is a six-week period for legal challenge.