

London Mock Public Inquiry

Speaker Biographies

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Anne Williams – Six Pump Court



Anne is a specialist planning and environmental law barrister practising at Six Pump Court Chambers. She is recommended by the Legal 500, the Chambers UK Bar Guide and is also ranked in the Planning Magazine's Annual Survey of top-rated planning law barristers. Anne's practice includes advising and appearing for Local Authorities at Planning Inquiries, including in High Court and Court of Appeal. In addition, Anne sits as an Inspector in a number of Village Green inquiries, has been appointed to the Enabling

Panel of the Design Council (CABE) and is a Visiting Professor at the Bartlett School of Architecture and Planning at UCL.

Angelica Rokad - Six Pump Court



Angelica is a barrister practising at Six Pump Court, with a growing planning practice. She is regularly instructed to represent parties, including public bodies, at multi day planning inquiries and receives regular instructions to prosecute planning cases on behalf of Local Authorities in both the Crown and the Magistrates' Court. In addition, she has a busy paperwork practice, and has experience of drafting Pre-Action Protocol Letters, grounds of appeal and advising on prospects in relation to

judicial review claims in the High Court.

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Claire Searson – Planning Inspectorate

Claire is a 'Band 3' Inspector at the Planning Inspectorate (or Principal Inspector in old money) and has extensive experience at s78 Hearings and Inquiries. Last year, she was part of the Inspector Panel at the 13-week Inquiry for the Bristol Airport expansion. She also undertakes specialist casework such as heritage, Gypsy and Traveller and Necessary Wayleaves.

Claire is also involved in training other Inspectors in virtual and physical Hearings and Inquiries and in Heritage casework. Prior to PINS she worked at Historic England and at local planning authorities. When not working, Claire can usually be found out walking her two dachshunds or at her sewing machine.

Deborah Board - Planning Inspectorate

is a Band 3 Inspector specialising in inquiry and specialist work in the areas of planning appeals, compulsory purchase notices and drought orders. She also undertakes Local Plan examination work and specialist Gypsy and Traveller work. Deborah has worked at PINS for over 10 years and enjoys the role of the Inspector particularly at events where it is incumbent on the Inspector to ensure fairness, openness, impartiality and inclusivity.

She is involved with training other Inspectors and chairs the Inspector trade union committee. As a parent of teenagers and furry friends she enjoys the flexibility of work at PINS. She also enjoys the autonomy and intellectual challenge. When not 'Inspecting' she can be found enjoying dog walks at the beach, wine and WI activities.

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