

Role of the witness

A witness is not required; however you may choose to use a witness if appropriate for your point. If you have an agent, the petitioner themselves could be the witnesses. A witness should back up your points based on their technical/ expert knowledge or own experience. Witnesses may be helpful to ensure you remain on track.

Example of when a witness may be useful	Possible witness	Role of witness
Issues over a PRow	Member of a Rambling club	Clarify that remedy suggested by petitioner is appropriate.
Concern that land take will make farm land unusable	Farmer	Suggest way of land take that would leave productive area of land- demonstrate how remaining land could be used productively.
Impacts on species	Ecologist	Present evidence to back up mitigation/ compensation proposed. Refer to relevant documents.
Impacts on road network	Business or member of the public who relies on that road	State why impacts on the road would be detrimental.
Impacts on communities	Business owner	State how proposal would impact upon their business.
Local business (e.g. community shop)	Local resident dependent on shop	State how they are dependent on local shows- would have to drive to bigger shows if these did not exist.