

Monthly Report of the Independent Compensation Panel Chair

August 2015

The Independent Compensation Panel (ICP) met once in August 2015.

10 August

Purpose

To consider a claim for exceptional hardship.

Panel Members

I was joined by 2 Exceptional Hardship Specialists.

Claim

The Panel received an application for compensation under the Project's Exceptional Hardship Procedure. The Panel considered the claim against the Exceptional Hardship Procedure's five eligibility criteria

Decision of the Panel

The claim for compensation was rejected on the grounds that two of the five eligibility criteria were not satisfied.

Other Work

Consultation on Proposed Changes to the Offsite Mitigation and Compensation Policies

I wrote to Local Authority members of the Planning Forum on 17 August 2015 seeking comments on proposed changes to the *Exceptional Hardship Procedure* and *Non-statutory Off-site Mitigation and Compensation Policy*. Consultation concludes at midnight 11 September 2015.

Response to Correspondence from a Houseboat Owner

I received an email from a houseboat owner on 6 August 2015 seeking advice on the roles and responsibilities of the Independent Advisory Service (IAS), the ICP and the Independent Complaints Commissioner (ICC), the technical advice each is able to offer and raising some queries surrounding compliance with the DCO. I replied on 16 August, covering in some detail the matters within my remit and that of the IAS and ICC (as described in the *Non-statutory Off-site Mitigation and Compensation Policy*). I was not in a position to similarly comment on DCO matters but was able to refer the enquirer to the Project for further assistance.