

Calling their Bluff – How to Respond.

The Health Department seem content to use the Delphi Technique developed by RAND Corporation. This tool helps them manufacture consensus with the illusion of choice.

You can better decide this for yourselves and how best to step outside these barricades.

Though, the following on Responses might help;

It's no easy task, e.g. the powers Q 5-42 span pages 25-212 ,they are the Health Department issues, inviting your views upon. You can express a view on any issue. Theirs, you may think are irrelevant, not the crucial issue, then state so and why. Refer back to post 2 on questions 1 and 2. These will be dealt with later.

But if you go this way you need to make it easy for the Health Department to be obliged to include your response. If you start you need to finish otherwise there is a danger it might be labelled as incomplete and discarded.

The other option is to send to the Health Department (HD) your own response.

A letter or email. Numbered bullet points with a short explanation, reference them to the right part in the response document by point or page and question number. It'll be simple to read, allows those assessing responses to categorise it against the issue in the response. This makes it easy to be included. You don't have to deal with any or all the questions. You have freedom to address the issues that concern you.

Where do you start? At the right place, see post 1.

Did they ask you if this was the right way to go? If you think its too important and the HD should have done more to ask you, tell you, involve you, inform you, get you to understand, allow you to express a meaningful view and because of that you object to this procedure they have started. **Your refusal to consent to their authority to choose the method in absence of your express consent asked for and given, that's your starting point.** If you feel you need more time because it's only coming to your attention now, that's also a starting point. Because of these, have you not a right to demand an extension of the deadline? If all you do is engage you will be taken to have given informed consent because you didn't object. You must make this your starting point if this is your view.

It doesn't mean you can't go on and express meaningful views on the contents, all your doing is challenging their authority to act in the way they did at the outset.

So let's turn now to the 'card deck' of concerns that seem obvious, you can better decide these for yourselves.