

Economic Issues Appeals Procedure

As the decisions to accept or reject papers is guided by the recommendations of expert reviewers the editorial board will not consider appeals based on querying the judgement of quality. Appeals would only be considered on grounds of:

- a. where a conflict of interest has been identified with regard to the referee or dealing member of the editorial board.
- b. Confidentiality has not been maintained within the peer review process. This can be in either direction, where either the identity of the referee has been made available to the author, or the author's identity made available to the referee.
- c. Information was not provided to reviewers that was needed, for example, additional results or figures not made available.

Any appeals should be made to the Editor in Chief, Professor Leighton Vaughan-Williams (leighton.vaughan-williams@ntu.ac.uk).

- d. All appeals will be acknowledged and those making them made aware of whether their appeal is judged to meet the criteria for consideration set out above.
- e. If an appeal qualifies for full investigation this will be conducted by the Editor in Chief or an independent member of the editorial board who has not been involved in the original submission.
- f. The outcome of any appeal will be communicated to the author within 1 month of the appeal being lodged.