

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE PROCEDURE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. Members of the public may request the right to speak at any meeting of the Development Control Committee. The number of requests to speak will be limited to three per application (not including any right of reply) and to when the Committee first considers an application (allowing no further speakers, including any representatives of Town or Parish Councils, if the application is deferred). No request will be granted if it is to speak in favour of a planning application.
2. Any request must be received in writing by the Head of Democratic Services by noon, two clear days before the meeting, briefly outlining the statement to be made and the nature of the objection.
3. Any affected parties will be informed that the request has been received and will be invited to exercise a right of reply either in writing or orally at the meeting.
4. When there is one objector and an applicant, there will be a presumption that speeches should last no longer than 3 minutes each. In the case of multiple objectors, the applicant will be directed to be brief though not necessarily limited to 3 minutes, as the applicant must be given sufficient time to respond to the points raised.
5. Public participation will be limited to 30 minutes at any meeting (with a similar time being allowed for any right of reply).
6. Depending on the volume of representations and whether there are any particularly contentious items on the Agenda, the Committee may wish to either:
 - (i) receive all representations and consider the related applications at the commencement of the meeting; or
 - (ii) follow the agenda and receive all representations as the applications are considered; or
 - (iii) take all representations at the commencement of the meeting and then follow the order of the agenda.
7. Deputations and Petitions under Council Procedure Rule 9.12 and Public Questions under Council Procedure Rules 9.1 to 9.10 will operate as set out in these Rules, for matters of general policy and issues not directly related to promoting, or objecting to a particular planning application, and will form part of the 30 minutes allocated for public participation.