

## Proposed Amendments to Standing Orders

(Proposed insertions are underlined)

### **Public speaking at meetings of the Planning and Regulatory Committee and in relation to Public Rights of Way items at Local Committee (Standing Orders 67.1 – 67.10)**

- 67.1 Members of the public and their representatives may address the Planning and Regulatory Committee on any planning applications and all applications relating to public rights of way (PROW) being considered by that committee.
- 67.2 Speakers must first register their wish to speak by telephone or in writing to the committee manager by 12 noon one working day before a meeting stating on which item(s) they wish to speak.
- 67.3 Only those people who have previously made written representations in response to a planning application will be entitled to speak. District members, or their nominated representative, can speak as a member of the public.
- 67.4 Speakers must declare any financial or personal interest they may have in the application.
- 67.5 Registration of speakers will be on a first come first served basis and speakers will be taken in the order in which they are registered, with the first five registered being entitled to speak. Where more than one person has registered an interest to speak, the subsequent speakers will be entitled to speak first if the first named speaker is not in attendance five minutes before the start of the meeting. Representations can be combined if necessary. A reserve list will also be maintained if necessary.
- 67.6 The time allowed for public speaking will be limited to 15 minutes for objectors and 15 minutes for supporters per item, and 3 minutes per speaker. The Local Member, or their representative, will also be afforded 3 minutes to speak.
- 67.7 Only if a member of the public, or their representative, speaks objecting, or if the local members speaks, will the applicant/agent be allowed to speak and then only to respond to the points raised by the objectors, and will be limited to 3 minutes for each objector who has spoken.
- 67.8 No additional information may be circulated by speakers at the meeting and they will have no right to speak or question Members or officers once they have made their submission.
- 67.9 Speeches will precede the committee's formal discussion on each application requiring the committee's attention.
- 67.10 The right to speak will only be exercised at the first meeting at which the application is considered and will not normally be the subject of further presentations at any subsequent meeting unless significant changes have taken place after a deferral by the committee.

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