

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS (PART 4)

Public speaking at meetings of the Planning and Regulatory Committee

- 86.1 Members of the public and their representatives may address the Planning and Regulatory Committee on any planning applications, applications made to the council as Commons Registration Authority (CRA) and all applications relating to public rights of way (PROW) being considered by that Committee.
- 86.2 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.
- 86.3 Only those people who have previously made written representations in response to a planning application/application to the CRA will be entitled to speak or in the case of an application to the CRA if 86.11 applies. **Members of the public should only speak on matters raised in their written representations and should not make new points when addressing the committee.**
- 86.4 Speakers must declare any financial or personal interest they may have in the application.
- 86.5 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 **three supporters and objectors (a maximum of six in total)** 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.
- 86.6 The time allowed for public speaking will be limited to ~~45~~ **9** minutes for objectors and ~~45~~ **9** minutes for supporters per item, and to 3 minutes per speaker.
- 86.7 Subject to 86.11, ~~only if a member of the public or their representative speaks objecting 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~~ **the applicant/agent will be allowed to speak for 3 minutes per objector registered to speak and 3 minutes if there are no objectors registered.**
- 86.8 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.

- 86.9 Speeches will precede the Committee's formal discussion on each application requiring the Committee's attention.
- 86.10 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.
- 86.11 In relation to applications made to the council as CRA:
- a) the applicant and any other person may speak where this is a requirement under the regulations relating to the particular type of application being considered by the committee;
 - b) the provisions of Standing Order 86 otherwise apply to these applications.