

PUBLIC SPEAKING AT PLANNING COMMITTEE

CODE OF CONDUCT

Members of the public may address the Planning Committee during consideration of any application for planning permission. This Code of Conduct is to ensure that all speakers, both Objectors and Supporters, have an equal and fair hearing by the Committee.

Public Speakers are reminded that all Planning Committees are webcast live on the internet and can be viewed by any member of the public. The webcast may be retained by the Council for up to 6 years.

Public Speakers must adhere to the following rules:

1. Speakers must be polite and courteous whilst other speakers are making their comments to the Committee. Any shouting or “heckling” whilst other speakers are making their comments to the Committee will not be accepted.
2. Any physical or verbal threats or violence towards other speakers, either before or during the Committee meeting, will not be accepted.
3. Speakers must not make any offensive, defamatory, racist or discriminatory comments to the Committee. The Chairman will determine whether comments are unacceptable.
4. Speakers will be allowed to speak to the Committee for an allocated time period. The Chairman will indicate when this period is over and the speaker must then return to the public gallery. Speakers are not allowed to make any comments beyond their allocated time period.
5. Speakers are not allowed to circulate photographs, plans or any written material to Members of the Committee.

THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HAS THE POWER TO EXCLUDE ANY PUBLIC SPEAKER WHO BREACHES ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AND LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO SPEAK TO THE COMMITTEE.

Declaration

I confirm that I have read and understood this Code of Conduct. I will comply with the above rules. I understand that I will be excluded from the Committee meeting if I breach any of the above rules. I acknowledge that the Planning Committee will be webcast on the internet and consent to my comments being broadcast live on the internet.

Signed

Name

Address

Date