

Motion

Proposer – Councillor Chapman

Seconder – Councillor Lury

Public Speaking at Planning Committees – Part 8, Section 3 – Planning Protocol, Paragraph 11.5

Following the revision of the Council's Constitution with regard to Planning matters it has become clear that the restricted time of three minutes allowed for each group, rather than individuals, on applications before the Committee is unduly restrictive. In particular for applications on which there is a high level of public and professional interest the time restriction would effectively disenfranchise parties with particular and personal interests.

Therefore, the Committee is asked to consider, in debate, the following motion,

- 1) That this Committee agrees that for this meeting (28th July 2021) the Chairman will exceptionally use his discretion as Chairman to allow each registered public speaker to speak for up to 3 minutes on each application for which they have registered their interest.
- 2) That Committee agrees that the Constitution Working Party is asked to urgently review the provisions on public speaking on Planning matters, so that the reputation of the Council as an open and transparent Authority be safeguarded.