

Proposed changes to Standing Order 17A – Public speaking at Planning and Regulatory Committee

Proposed deletions shown in red strikethrough and new provisions shown highlighted yellow

STANDING ORDER 17A – PUBLIC SPEAKING AT PLANNING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

17.16 This Standing Order applies to the Planning and Regulatory Committee when determining planning applications. Standing Order 17 applies to business of the Planning and Regulatory Committee other than when determining planning applications

17.17 Public speaking about applications for planning permission will be allowed at the start of relevant agenda items in accordance with the following requirements.

17.17A The Town or Parish Council in whose area the application site is situated, as statutory consultee, will be afforded the opportunity to speak via its Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, or Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of its Planning Committee. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, or Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of its Planning Committee must advise of the intention to speak in writing to the Assistant Director Legal and Governance by 12 noon three working days before the meeting

17.18 ~~Notifications~~ Requests to speak, indicating whether the speaker supports or objects to the application, must be made in writing to the Assistant Director Legal and Governance by 12 noon three working days before the meeting.

17.19 If both the applicant and supporters of the application are present, the applicant may speak or defer to a supporter

17.20 If there is more than one person wishing to object or support an application, the Chairperson will invite those persons to agree a spokesperson among themselves. In default of agreement the Chairperson may select one person to speak.

17.21 Public speaking about applications for planning permission will normally be limited to ~~three~~ ~~four~~ minutes per applicant/supporter, and ~~will be limited to three minutes for supporter and three~~ ~~four~~ minutes for the objectors. The Chairperson may, in the event of an agenda with many items, adjust the normal speaking time limits in the interests of the efficiency of the meeting. The Chairperson will ensure parity of speaking time limits between applicant/supporter and objectors. Speakers will be advised if the normal limit is adjusted by the Chairperson. Each speaker will only be permitted to address the committee once and will not be able to participate further during consideration of the item.

17.22 The Committee will hear those speaking at the meeting in the following order unless the Chairperson considers it preferable in conducting the business of the Council to hear speakers in a different order: - the Town or Parish Council Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, or Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of its Planning Committee first, the speaker against the application ~~first~~ second and the applicant or their supporter ~~second~~ third. Members of the committee may raise questions or points of clarification with any public speaker