

**HAMBLETON**

**DISTRICT COUNCIL**

# **SPEAKING AT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Applicants/Agents should not introduce new information, verbally amend the application or attempt to negotiate with the Committee. Such action would lead to a deferral of the application to allow for proper consideration or the application being considered on its original merits.

You should not ask questions directly of the Officers, Members or other speakers.

## **If an application is on the agenda will it definitely be considered?**

Most applications on the agenda will be dealt with but it is possible for an applicant to withdraw an application at any time up to a decision being made. If this happens, we will endeavour to contact you before the day.

**For further information on this scheme or any other aspects of the Committee system, please contact:**

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## Do I have to speak at the meeting?

### No.

The comments you have already made will be contained in the Officer's report to the Committee. You may decide there is little point in adding to them.

If you are the Applicant/Agent and the Officer's recommendation is to approve your application, you may decide there is no point in adding to the proceedings.

If you represent the Parish/Town Council your written comments will already be included in the Officer's report. If you disagree with the recommendation being made you may wish to address the Committee. This should be done by a single representative expressing the majority view of your council.

## If I want to speak, how do I arrange it?

During the week before the Committee meeting we will write to every person who has written to comment on an application due to be heard. We will also notify all Applicants/Agents and Parish/Town Councils. If you do not make a written representation you will still be able to speak but we will not write to you about the meeting in advance.

If you intend to speak you must arrive at least 20 minutes before the meeting and register your interest with the Member Support Officer who will be outside the Council Chamber. Only one person is allowed to speak in favour and one against (not including the Parish/Town Council). If you have any documents you want to circulate to Members we must have them 48 hours before the meeting. If more than one person wishes to speak for or against they will be advised to agree on a single spokesperson to put that view. If you arrive after the meeting has begun you will not be able to speak.

## What happens at the meeting?

The Chairman will introduce the item and ask the Planning Officer to introduce the report. The Chairman will then ask the members of the public to speak in the following order:

1. Parish/Town Council
2. Objector
3. Applicant/Agent or Supporter

Members of the Committee will then debate the application but the public will not be allowed to interject or comment further.

## What can I say?

You will have a maximum of 3 minutes to express your views. You will be advised after 2 minutes and again after your 3 minutes is up, at which point you must stop speaking.

You should make sure your comments are relevant.

**Remember: A good point does not get better by repeating it.**

You may comment on:	You should not comment on:
Local Plan/Structure Plan	Civil disputes between neighbours
National planning policies	Alleged increase/decrease in property values
Highway safety	Loss of a private view
Landscape impact	A developer's character, morals, motives or financial circumstances
Local amenity, noise, privacy	Restrictive covenants
Case law/previous decisions	Matters covered by other legislation
Conservation issues	