

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 8 MARCH 2017

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL

PUBLIC SPEAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SPECIAL
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING DEALING
WITH APPLICATIONS 3/16/0530/OUT AND 3/16/0707/FUL – LAND AT
BISHOP’S STORTFORD RAILWAY STATION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: Bishop’s Stortford wards.

Purpose/Summary of Report:

- To consider public speaking arrangements for the special meeting of the committee dealing with applications 3/16/0530/OUT and 3/16/0707/FUL relating to land at Bishop’s Stortford railway station.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION That:

(A)	The revised arrangements for public speaking, as detailed in this report, be applied to the special meeting of the Committee dealing with applications 3/16/0530/OUT and 3/16/0707/FUL – land at Bishop’s Stortford Railway Station.
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1.0 Background

1.1 A Special meeting of the Committee has been programmed for 23 March 2017 to receive a report in relation to the development proposals for land at Bishop’s Stortford Railway Station (or often referred to as the Goods Yard site). This report is to enable Members to consider whether normal public speaking arrangements should be amended for that meeting.

2.0 Revised Public Speaking

2.1 Under normal arrangements, three minutes are permitted in total for speakers both in favour and in objection to any proposal. Where multiple speakers wish to address the meeting, they are required to combine their presentations within the overall three minute period.

- 2.2 Clearly the development proposals relating to Bishop's Stortford Railway Station site are extensive, have raised a range of issues and are of significant local interest.
- 2.3 It is suggested then that, for this special meeting, a total period of 20 minutes be permitted for those who wish to speak in objection to the proposals, in total. The same total period will be offered to any supporting parties, in total (giving 40 minutes public speaking).
- 2.4 Officers will establish appropriate deadlines for registration of requests to speak and all other normal arrangements for public speaking will apply. Where any matter is raised with regard to the arrangements which are not addressed here, it will be subject to decision by the Chairman of the Committee.
- 2.5 Members are asked to consider and endorse these proposals.
- 3.0 Implications/Consultations
- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

Planning Application 3/16/0530/OUT and 3/16/0707/FUL.

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