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Development Control Committee.

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cc. All other recipients of the
Development Control Committee
agenda.

Dear Councillor,

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE - 18 JULY 2012

Please find attached the following report, which the Chairman has agreed to accept onto the agenda as an urgent item for the above meeting.

7. Urgent Business (Pages 3 - 6).

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration and is not likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information:

Public Speaking Arrangements for Development Control Committee
Meeting on 22 August 2012

Please bring these papers with you to the meeting next Wednesday,

Yours faithfully,

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MEETING : DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
DATE : WEDNESDAY 18 JULY 2012
TIME : 7.00 PM

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE – 18 JULY 2012

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL

7. PUBLIC SPEAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING ON 22 AUGUST 2012

WARD(S) AFFECTED: Bishop's Stortford wards

Purpose/Summary of Report:

- To consider public speaking arrangements for the additional meeting of the committee on 22 August 2012.

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION</u> That:	
(A)	The revised arrangements for public speaking at the special meeting of the Committee due to be held on 22 August 2012, be approved.

1.0 Background

1.1 An additional meeting of the Committee has been convened for 22 August 2012. This meeting will deal with the health centre proposals at Silverleys, Bishop's Stortford.

2.0 Revised Public Speaking

2.1 Members will be fully aware of the normal public speaking arrangements. Three minutes are permitted for speakers both in favour and in objection to any planning application or tree preservation order on the agenda. Where multiple speakers wish to address the meeting, they are required to combine their presentations within the overall three minute period.

2.2 The additional meeting has been arranged to address the health centre proposals as they have raised significant local interest. It is also therefore appropriate to review the normally applied speaking arrangements to ensure that interested parties can fully articulate the issues they want to raise.

- 2.3 It is suggested then that twice the normal speaking time is permitted, i.e. six minutes. In addition, multiple speakers will be permitted in objection. On registration however, a brief outline of the issues they wish to raise will be sought and, where it appears duplication will result, speakers will be asked to combine their presentations.
- 2.4 Once the combined requests of those who wish to speak in objection to the proposals is known, the same time will be offered to parties who may wish to speak in support of the proposals, usually the applicant.
- 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 3/12/0448/FP.

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS:

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives	<p>People These proposals relate to the provision of health facilities for the town.</p> <p>Place The decision will have an impact on the built environment of the town.</p> <p>Prosperity The proposals have an impact on the level and quality of health service offered.</p>
Consultation:	Planning application consultation.
Legal:	Possible legal agreement arrangements.
Financial:	None in addition to normal application processing costs.
Human Resource:	None.
Risk Management:	Normal risks associated with ensuring that decision making is sound and robust.

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