

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE – 18 JULY 2012

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL

7a. 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.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION 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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