

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE – 15 AUGUST 2012

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL

6. PUBLIC SPEAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2012

WARD(S) AFFECTED: Bishop's Stortford wards

Purpose/Summary of Report:

- To consider public speaking arrangements for the additional meeting of the Development Control Committee on 25 September 2012.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION That:

(A)	The revised arrangements for public speaking, as detailed in this report, be applied to the additional meeting of the Development Control Committee on 25 September 2012.

1.0 Background

1.1 Members will recall that an additional meeting of the Committee had been convened for 22 August 2012. This was to deal with the medical facilities application at Silverleys, Bishop's Stortford. Following the submission of a further application for a similar facility at Tanners Wharf in the town the additional meeting date has now been rescheduled for 25 September 2012.

2.0 Revised Public Speaking

2.1 When this matter was considered at the last meeting it was agreed that multiple speaker requests would be accepted. Each speaker would be permitted twice the normal speaking time of six minutes. On registration, an outline of points to be raised would be sought and speakers encouraged to combine presentations where there appeared to be duplication. Once the combined speaking time in objection became established, this same total time would be offered to parties in support of the proposals.

2.2 Given the further set of proposals, Members are now asked to consider the speaking arrangements that should be applied to both applications. The applications and the planning issues they raise need to be dealt with separately. To ensure a consistent approach, Members are asked to agree that the same speaking arrangements be applied to both proposals – but that they be implemented independently. That is, speaking arrangements for the first application considered will be run and concluded first. Then that first application would be considered and determined. Then the second set of speaking arrangements will run before consideration of the second application.

2.3 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 and 3/12/0873/FP.

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