

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 8 JANUARY 2014

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL

7a PUBLIC SPEAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING DEALING WITH APPLICATION 3/13/0075/OP – LAND AT BISHOP'S STORTFORD NORTH

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 application 3/13/0075/OP relating to land at Bishop's Stortford north following the deferral from the special Development Management committee of 5 December 2013.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE That:

(A)	The revised arrangements for public speaking, as detailed in this report, be applied to the special meeting of the Committee dealing with application 3/13/0075/OP – land at Bishop's Stortford North.

1.0 Background

1.1 Members will be aware of the planning application proposals relating to land at Bishop's Stortford north. The first of these, relating to ASRs1-4 was reported to the special Development Management Committee of 5 December 2013.

1.2 Prior to that meeting, revised public speaking arrangements were considered by the Committee at its meeting of 9 October 2013. These were initially intended to apply to all meetings where Bishop's Stortford north matters were to be considered. However, following deferral of the consideration of the first application from the 5 December meeting, on the basis of a limited issue, it is

considered that revised arrangements are appropriate for public speaking when this matter is reconsidered.

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 North are extensive, and have raised a range of issues and are of significant local interest. Revised arrangements were in place at the 5 December 2013 meeting which enabled a full range of issues to be articulated. Whilst the proposals remain significant, it is suggested that the significant speaking arrangements implemented for 5 December are not now required given the deferral on the matter from the Committee was on a limited basis.

2.3 It is suggested then that, for the reconsideration of the proposals, a total period of 15 minutes be permitted for those who wish to speak in objection to the proposals, on the basis of the deferral reason, in total. The same total period will be offered to any supporting parties, in total.

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 3/13/0075/OP, 3/13/0804/OP, 3/13/0886/OP and 3/13/1501/OP.

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