

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 25 FEBRUARY 2015

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL

PUBLIC SPEAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SPECIAL
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING DEALING
WITH APPLICATIONS 3/13/0886/OP AND 3/13/1501/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 applications 3/13/0886/OP and 3/13/1501/OP relating to land at Bishop’s Stortford north.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION That:

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| (A) | The revised arrangements for public speaking, as detailed in this report, be applied to the special meeting of the Committee dealing with applications 3/13/0886/OP and 3/13/1501/OP – land at Bishop’s Stortford North. |
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1.0 Background

1.1 Consideration was given to the applications which related to sites ASR1-4, which form part of the land at Bishop’s Stortford North, at December 2013, January and April 2014 meetings of the Committee. A Special meeting of the Committee has now been programmed to receive a report in relation to site ASR5. This report is to enable Members to consider whether normal public speaking arrangements should be amended for this 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 North are extensive in total, have raised a range of issues and are of significant local interest. The proposals for ASR5 however raise a more discreet set of issues and have not been subject to the same level and extent of public consultation feedback as the more significant earlier proposals.
- 2.3 It is suggested then that, for this special meeting, a total period of 15 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.
- 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 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 3/13/0886/OP and 3/13/1501/OP.

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