

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 31 JANUARY 2018

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL

PUBLIC SPEAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING DEALING WITH APPLICATION
3/17/2588/OUT – LAND AT BISHOP’S STORTFORD RAILWAY STATION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: Bishop’s Stortford wards.

Purpose/Summary of Report:

- To consider public speaking arrangements for the meeting of the Committee dealing with application 3/17/2588/OUT relating to land at Bishop’s Stortford railway station.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION That:

(A)	The revised arrangements for public speaking, as detailed in this report, be applied to the part of the meeting dealing with application 3/17/2588/OUT – land at Bishop’s Stortford Railway Station.

1.0 Background

1.1 The 28 February 2018 meeting of the Committee has been moved to Bishop’s Stortford to accommodate the development proposals for land at Bishop’s Stortford Railway Station (or often referred to as the Goods Yard site). This report is to enable Members to consider whether normal public speaking arrangements should be amended for part of that 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. Three minutes are also permitted for the relevant Town or Parish Council. 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 Railway Station site are extensive, have raised a range of issues and are of significant local interest.
- 2.3 It is suggested then that, for this application, a total period of 10 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 (giving 20 minutes public speaking).
- 2.4 The relevant Town/Parish Council will still be permitted to speak for 3 minutes.
- 2.5 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 3/17/2588/OUT.

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