

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE – 20 JULY 2011

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL

6. SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MEETING TO DEAL WITH DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS AT OLD RIVER LANE, BISHOP'S STORTFORD: PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To enable the Committee to establish public speaking arrangements for the special Development Control Committee meeting due to be held on 25 August 2011.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION: that

(A)	Public speaking arrangements for the special Development Control Committee meeting on 25 August 2011 be approved as detailed in this report.
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1.0 Background

1.1 A special meeting of the Committee has been arranged for 25 August 2011. The purpose of this meeting will be to consider the planning application that relates to the development proposals for the Old River Lane area of Bishop's Stortford.

2.0 Speaking Proposals

2.1 The application comprises significant development proposals for the town. Given the nature of the scheme, it is reasonable to assume that the impacts of it will affect most residents and visitors to the town. The issues that are raised are also varied and extensive. As a result, it is suggested that normal public speaking arrangements for this meeting are varied.

2.2 The suggested arrangements are that the normal restriction on speaking time is relaxed and multiple speakers who are in objecting to the proposals may be allowed to speak for a

maximum of 3 minutes each (rather than the normally combined three minutes). Duplication is to be avoided however and each speaker will be invited to submit a brief summary of their concerns in advance, so that speakers who are raising the same issues can be asked to co-ordinate.

2.3 Once the total extent of speakers in objection is known, the same combined time would be offered to the applicants, or others who may wish to speak in support of the proposals.

2.4 Speakers will not be permitted to distribute material at the meeting. Any such additional material would be required to be submitted in advance.

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:

None specific – but planning application papers relevant.

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives	Fit for purpose, services fit for you <i>Deliver customer focused services by maintaining and developing a well managed and publicly accountable organisation.</i> Leading the way, working together <i>Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.</i>
Consultation:	None.
Legal:	None.
Financial:	None.
Human Resource:	None.
Risk Management:	The arrangements should ensure that all views on the proposals can be appropriately expressed.