

Public Speaking at Plans Sub-Committees and Development Control Committee

Members of the public who have already submitted written comments on a planning application which is to be considered by a planning committee have the opportunity to verbally address Councillors at committee if they wish. Speakers are not normally permitted on items other than planning applications.

Members of the public must give notice to the Democratic Services Team of their intention to speak no later than 10:00 am on the working day before the meeting. Requests to speak will only be registered once the relevant agenda has been published.

To register to speak, please contact the Democratic Services Officer responsible for the meeting by phone or email – their name and contact details will be published on the agenda front-sheet.

**Alternatively, contact committeeservices@bromley.gov.uk or ring –
020 8461 7588/7694/7840/7638/7743 or 020 8313 4316**

Speakers should not table any correspondence or photographs to supplement their speech to the committee - all documents must be submitted to the Democratic Services Team **by 5.00 p.m. on the working day before the meeting**. A permanent copy of any item must be provided and it is not acceptable to refer to online maps, photographs on phones/iPads or similar. The Chairperson's agreement must be sought at the meeting for any items to be considered.

If the officer recommendation in the report is for permission then it will normally be the opponent speaking first, with the supporter second. If the officer recommendation is refusal, the reverse order will apply.

One person is permitted to speak in support of an application and one person is permitted to speak against it. If there are more than two requests to speak for or against, people with similar views should get together and agree who will speak. If there is no agreement, the first person to notify Democratic Services of their intention to speak will be called. Among supporters, the applicant (or if the applicant wishes, the agent) takes precedence, and if the applicant or agent do not wish to speak, the first supporters will be called.

Residents' Associations or other organisations wishing to make use of these arrangements must appoint a single spokesperson to represent their views.

Speakers are reminded that only material planning considerations are relevant to the determination of planning applications.

Each speaker will normally be given up to **three minutes**. A warning may be given at two and a half minutes and the Chairman will normally ask the speaker to cease their presentation at three minutes.

Members of the Committee (but not visiting Ward Members) may ask speakers to clarify points raised. Otherwise, once members of the public have spoken, no further intervention will be permitted, and they should return to the public gallery.