

APPENDIX A

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC SPEAKING AT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PANEL

DRAFT PROCEDURE

1. Planning Officer will introduce the planning application.
2. Chairman will invite Parish or Town Councillor or a representative from the Parish Meeting, to come forward to address the meeting. Chairman will formally ask whether they have any interests to declare and that their views represent those of the Parish or Town Council or Parish Meeting and are not personal views. Time allowed 3 mins. The Chairman may invite the Planning Officer to respond to any questions. The Parish, Town Councillor or Parish Member will be asked to remain sitting at the table.
3. Chairman to invite the Ward Member(s) to address the meeting. Chairman to formally ask whether they have any interests to declare before making representation. Time allowed 3 mins. The Member will be asked to sit at the Representation table. The Chairman may invite the Planning Officer to respond to any questions. The Ward Member(s) will be asked to remain sitting at the table.
4. Chairman will invite any other Member whose Town / Parish Council and Parish meeting have been consulted on the application and who wished to speak to come forward and make representation. This will include members representing affected wards in neighbouring authorities and neighbouring parish councils which may be affected by the Development. Chairman to formally ask whether they have any interests to declare before making representation. Time allowed 3 mins. The Chairman may invite the Planning Officer to respond to any questions. The Member will be asked to remain sitting at the table.
5. Chairman to invite a representative from the objectors to come forward to sit at the table and make representation. Time allowed 3 mins. The objector will be asked to remain sitting at the table. If objectors cannot agree to one person presenting their case, up to 3 objectors will be allowed to make representation. The time allowed will be 1 minute each and therefore 3 mins in total. The 3 people allowed to speak will be the first three persons to register their wish to speak with the relevant Administrative Officer in the Planning Division.
6. Chairman to invite the applicant or their representative to come forward to make representation. Time allowed 3 mins in total. The applicant / representative will be asked to remain sitting at the table.
7. Chairman will invite Panel Members to put brief questions of clarification to those who have made representation.

8. Planning Officer and other Council Officers if appropriate will be asked to respond to Panel Members questions and to make further comment if necessary on any matters arising.
9. All those who have made representation will be asked if they wish to make a final comment about points of clarification only. They will then be asked to leave the table and return to the public gallery.
10. Panel Members will debate the application and seek advice from the Council's Officers if appropriate before taking a vote and reaching a decision.
11. If an application is to be referred to full Council by the Development Control Panel, subject to the Review of the Constitution, the process for consideration of that application at full Council shall follow the procedure above.



Your Right to **speak**

at Development Control Panel on Planning Applications



This leaflet explains how you can speak directly to Councillors at Huntingdonshire District Council's Development Control Panel meetings.

If you would like a translation of this document, a large text version or an audio version, please contact us on 01480 388388 and we will try to accommodate your needs.

If you wish to take part by speaking at the meeting and you have special needs and requirements, please let us know beforehand and we will try to accommodate your needs.

Public speaking at Development Control Panel on planning applications.

This leaflet explains how you can address Huntingdonshire District Council's Development Control Panel. It outlines the Council's public participation policy and answers some questions you may have about procedures, and what to expect at the meeting itself. It is based on some simple rules formulated by the Council to make the system as fair and as easy to operate as possible. This advice applies equally to applicants, their agents, supporters, objectors and to local council representatives.

What issues can I refer to?

Not all planning applications are considered by the Development Control Panel as the Head of Planning Services has delegated authority to determine many applications without the need to present the application to the Panel. It is not possible to speak in favour or against such applications that are dealt with under these delegated powers. However, if you have written in to the Council, your representation will be fully taken into consideration when a decision is made on a delegated application.

If you are unable to provide representation in writing, please contact us to discuss alternative methods available.

When does the Development Control Panel meet?

The Development Control Panel meet on Mondays, normally at four weekly intervals, in the Council Chamber at Pathfinder House in Huntingdon and the meeting starts at 7pm. The agenda is published a week before the meeting, and can be viewed on the Council's website www.huntsdc.gov.uk. In the agenda there is a detailed report of each application due to be presented to the Panel.

Applicants and any persons or Parish Council, Town Council or Parish Meeting who have made representations on an application to be determined by the Panel will be notified in advance that the application which they are interested in will be considered by the Panel. Objectors to the application can only speak at panel if they have written in to the Planning Department objecting to the application within the consultation period for the application.

What do I do if i wish to speak at panel?

You must notify Jackie Holland in Planning Services on 01480 388418 by 4.30pm on the Friday immediately before the Monday meeting if you wish to speak at the meeting. Failure to meet this deadline will exclude you from being able to speak.





If I have made representations do I have to speak?

No. Representations that have been received within the specified time period will be summarised and referred to in the Panel report. It is entirely at your own discretion whether you ask to speak at the Panel meeting. Representations can be accepted up to 4pm on the day of the meeting. Obviously these comments will not appear in the report but will be available for the Development Control Panel Members to read before the start of the meeting.

Who is permitted to speak to the panel?

The Planning Officer will give a short presentation to the Panel outlining the details of the proposal. After this the following individuals/organisations are permitted to address the Panel in the following order:

- A representative of the Town or Parish Council or Parish Meeting
- Ward Members
- Other Members (including from neighbouring authorities where applicable)
- Objectors to the application
- The applicant or agent for the application

Objectors to the application can only speak at panel if they have written in to the Planning Department objecting to the application within the consultation period for the application.

How long can I speak for?

Each person is allowed to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. Only one speaker for the applicant and the Town/Parish Council is permitted to speak. Where more than one objector wishes to speak against a planning application, the Planning Department will contact the people involved before the meeting, and exchange relevant details with a view to encouraging them to agree that one person speaks for all. If the matter cannot be resolved in that way, then the Council will allow one third of the time, that is 1 min each, to each of the first three persons who registered as wishing to speak. The Chairman will ensure equity of opportunity between the various parties.

How will I know what time the application will be heard?



It is not possible to give an exact time when a particular application will be heard during a meeting and the running order of the meeting may be changed to accommodate public speakers. Therefore people wishing to speak should be there at the start of the meeting and if necessary be prepared to wait for the application to be considered



Who can ask questions?



Questions can only be asked by Panel Members, not by speakers and it would be beneficial for you to seek answers to any questions before the meeting and to state your case on the answers given to you. You must not interrupt other speakers or the debate.

What issues can I refer to?

When addressing the Panel you should try to make sure that you stick to 'material planning considerations'. The following list contains examples of the type of considerations that could and could not be taken into account:

Material:

- Relevant national planning policy and guidance, the Development Plan and other adopted planning guidance.
- Highway safety and traffic issues
- Impact on visual or residential amenity, including the unacceptable loss of outlook from a habitable room or residential garden
- Design, appearance and layout
- Previous planning decisions
- Impact on trees, the conservation area, listed buildings and nature conservation areas

Not Material:

Try to avoid referring to issues that are not planning matters or material considerations in the determination of a planning application such as:

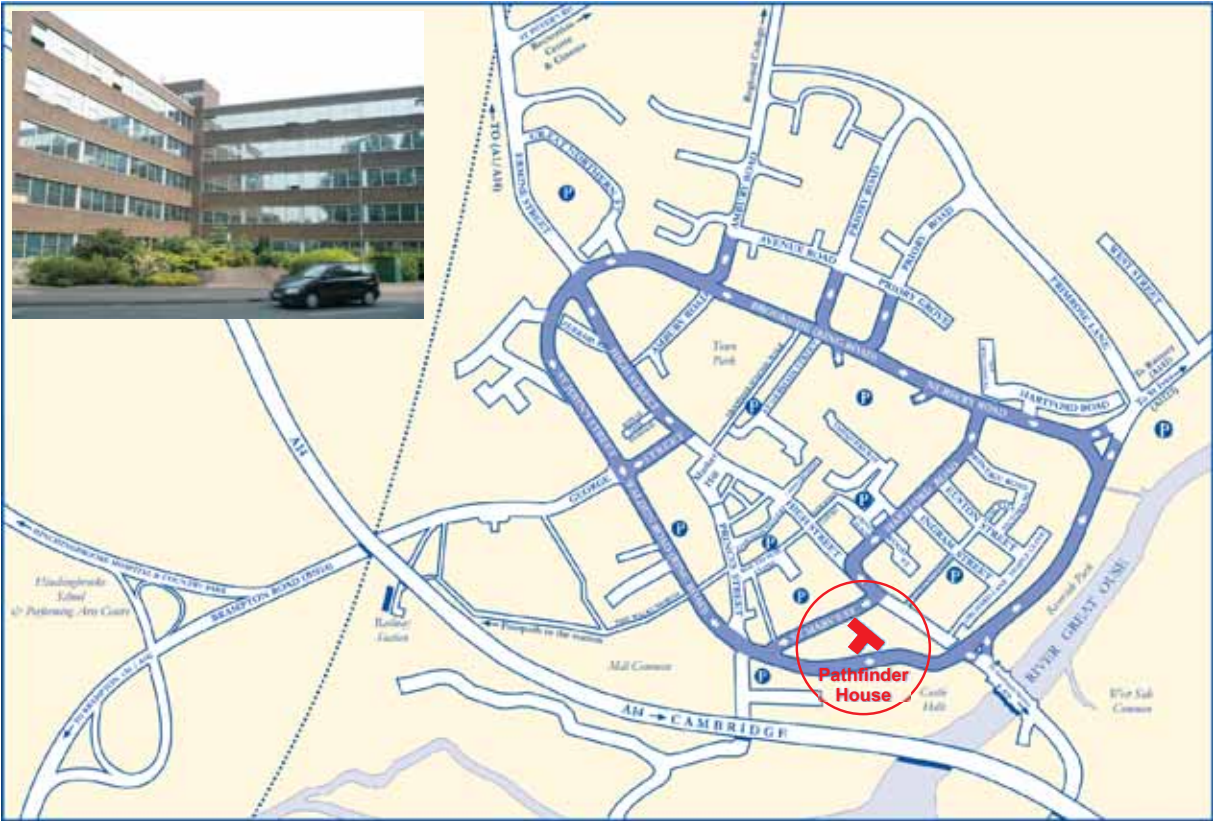
- Matters covered by other laws and covenants
- Loss of private view unless it coincides with an important view from public land that would compromise the visual character of an area
- Effect upon the value of your property
- Personal dislike of the developer or his motives
- Suspected future development

If you attend the meeting and intend to speak please ensure what you say relates to that item only. If you do deviate from the proposal under consideration the Chairman may stop you from continuing with your presentation





How to find us:



Huntingdon Tourist Information Centre 01480 388548

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To register to speak at Development Control Panel Meetings contact :

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PUBLIC SPEAKING AT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PANEL

The current scheme for public speaking in respect of planning applications was introduced by the Development Control Panel in January 2007. The scheme enables applicants, objectors, ward councillors and representatives of Parish/Town Councils to address the Panel on a particular application.

The current scheme was developed in conjunction with the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Support) who were at the time undertaking a review of Member involvement in the procedural arrangements for the determination of development control applications.

When the current scheme was introduced, it was agreed that its operation would be reviewed after a 12 months period. With this in mind, and given its previous involvement in the development of the scheme, the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Support) would like to invite comments from all Members on the operation of the procedure in order to positively feed into this review. Once the responses have been received they will be co-ordinated for onward submission to the Development Control Panel. To assist Members in commenting, a series of standard questions has been formulated. A copy of the applicable procedure and the public information leaflet is also attached to assist you.

(Please tick the appropriate box in answer to the questions and add any further comments as appropriate.)

1. Do you think that the introduction of public speaking at Development Control Panel has been well received?

Yes No

If yes, please clarify why you consider this to be/
If no, please clarify why you consider that to be the case:-

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2. If you are not a member of the Development Control Panel, have you addressed the Panel on a planning application since the scheme for public speaking was introduced?

Yes No

If yes, how did you find the experience?

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3. Having regard to the obvious need for certain time constraints, do you feel that all parties are given sufficient opportunity to put their case to a meeting of the Panel?

Yes No

If no, please add any specific comments below:-

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4. Do you have any comments on the current operation of the procedure for public speaking?

Is the number and ordering of speakers correct? Yes No

Are the current time limits sufficient? Yes No

Is the opportunity for points of clarification adequate? Yes No

Please provide any additional comments below:-

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5. Have you identified/encountered any particular problems with the operation of the current procedure?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details below:-

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6. Do you think that the procedure needs to be amended in any way?
(For example, are the right individuals/organisations being permitted to address the Panel? Should the scheme be extended to other representative groups? Should there be any changes to the number of objectors who are permitted to address the Panel?)

Yes No

If yes, please provide details below:-

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7. In your opinion, how valuable is the opportunity for representatives to make points of clarification at the conclusion of the debate?

Very Valuable Unsure
Valuable Of no Value

Is this being managed effectively?

Yes No

Please add any specific comments below:-

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8. Have you received any feedback from constituents who have addressed the Panel on how the public speaking process was managed?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details below:-

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9. Are the housekeeping arrangements on the evening of Panel satisfactory? *(For example, is the layout of the Chamber satisfactory, should those applications for which there are speakers be dealt with at the beginning of the meeting?)*

Yes No

If no, please provide details below:-

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10. Can you suggest any improvements to the explanatory leaflet provided to the public? *(Is it clear and comprehensive? Is it easily accessible? Are the arrangements for registering to speak adequate?)*

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11. Do you have any further comments or suggestions which you feel could improve the procedure/arrangements overall?

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Please provide your name below:-

Councillor.....

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE
IS RETURNED TO THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES TEAM
BY 25TH APRIL 2008**

APPENDIX C
ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL QUESTIONNAIRES

Councillor	Q1	Comments	Q2	Comments
Banerjee	Y	The "For" and "against" argument clears up a lot in decision making process. A few times the Panel decided against the Officers recommendations because of powerful argument by the public. It is a very useful tool for the Panel.	n/a	
Baker K M	Y	Gives public the right to address the Development Control Panel to state their case for or against proposed planning applications.	N	
Bates	Y		N	
Boddington	Y	Process is much more democratic, particularly with applicant able to speak	n/a	
Criswell	Y	Planning can be an emotive issue. Members of the public can be more easily placated if they can express their views.	Y	Good
Gray	Y	Public have welcomed the opportunity to speak. It has led to more informed debates with some excellent contributions from the public.	Y	Fairly similar to the experience before although frustrating as I had less time.
Hyams	Y	It at least gives the opportunity to address the Panel.	Y	I was fighting the clock to get my point across.
Newman	Y	More Transparent, Not all Details are within the report to Members. Applicant has opportunity to support his case for the development.	Y	
Simpson	Y	I can only comment on the rear of East Road, Huntingdon. It certainly helped to get to where we are now with that particular application.	Y	Excellent and my piece of wood was well received.
Sadler	Y	Gives everyone the opportunity to put their point of view forward. Also demonstrates to the general public that planning is a democratic process	Y	No problem. May be quite daunting for public
Thorpe	Y	Provides both applicants and protestors the opportunity to make their views known in open forum and contributes to open government.	n/a	
West	Y	Each application been openly discussed. Opportunity for	n/a	

		applicant and objector to raise all the points with regard to application.				
Councillor	Q3	Comments	Q4a	Q4b	Q4c	Comments
Banerjee	Y		Y	Y	Y	There is no time limit for the points of clarification – hence 3 minutes time limit for speaking is enough.
Baker, K M	Y		Y	Y	Y	
Bates	Y		Y	Y	Y	
Boddington	Y		Y	Y	Y	
Criswell	Y		Y	Y	Y	Officers should be careful not to introduce any additional thoughts or information after the applicant or objectors have spoken and left the table.
Gray	N	As a ward councillor, I am neither for, nor against some of the applications. Therefore unlike any of the other speakers, there are occasions where I only have 1 ½ minutes to put each side of the argument rather than the 3 that applicant / objector have. Think Councillor should return to 5 minutes.	Y	N	N	See 3. Also points of clarification are not being handled in accordance with the guidelines (see later)
Hyams	N	Elected members of HDC should have 5 minutes	N	N	Y	District Councillor should be allowed to sum up. His points may be forgotten during the debate. However the real problem is that officers have the final say. It is a very one sided way of reinforcing their view point.
Newman	Y		Y	N	N	If more than one objector 1 minute is very restrictive Applicant or agent should be able to correct or challenge any statement made during debate
Sadler	N	5 mins not sufficient. Should be 10.	Y	N	Y	Should be 10 minutes
Simpson	Y		Y	Y	Y	
Thorpe	Y		Y	Y	Y	
West	Y	I feel the Chairman shows discretion and allows a little extra time.	Y	Y	Y	

Councillor	Q5	Comments	Q6	Comments	
Banerjee	N		N		
Baker K M	N		N		
Bates	Y		N		
Boddington	N		N		
Criswell	N		N		
Gray	Y	See later.	N	Broadly speaking the framework if handled as planned is good; subject to my other points.	
Hyams	Y	The District Councillor should be allowed to sum up. His points may be forgotten during the debate. However the real problem is that officers have the final say – it is very one sided way of reinforcing their view point.	Y	The District Councillor should be allowed to sum up. His points may be forgotten during the debate. However the real problem is that officers have the final say – it is very one sided way of reinforcing their view point.	
Newman	Y	Supplementary information not made available to applicants	N		
Sadler	N		N		
Simpson	N		N		
Thorpe	N		N		
West	N		N		

Councillor	Q7a	Q7b	Comments	Q8	Comments
Banerjee	VV		In lot of occasions more related truth of the matter comes out and the situation clears up.	N	
Baker K M	VV	Y		N	
Bates	VV	Y		N	
Boddington	VV	Y		N	Not specifically but feels when talking to Parish Councils that they approve.
Criswell	VV	Y		N	
Gray	VV	N	This is not happening. All reps are sent back to the gallery and not invited to clarify points made erroneously during debate – if any.	Y	Broadly positive.
Hyams	VV	N	They sit in the audience frustrated and cannot reply to officer led statements.	N	
Newman	VV	N	Applicant or agenda should be able to correct or challenge any statement made during debate,	N	
Simpson	VV	Y	As far as my limited experience is concerned.	Y	They found it very useful but then it went their way so they would wouldn't they.
Sadler	VV	Y		N	
Thorpe	VV	Y		Y	Although nervous constituent appreciated the opportunity to address the Panel and believed that their views were given due consideration.
West	VV	Y		N	

**APPENDIX D
ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL QUESTIONNAIRES FROM THE PUBLIC**

Q1	Q2	Comments	Q3	Comments
Agent	VG		Y	
Obj	P	Experience was appalling. The Panel and the setting are intimidating and the committee are over formal Whilst I understand the need to restrict people to 3 minutes the process for enforcing it is draconian.	N	3 minutes is allowed irrespective of the impact and scale of the proposal.
Agent	G	The presentation by officers were good but some greater explanation of the issues were required, perhaps in the powerpoint presentation.	Y	
App	G		Y	
Agent	G		Y	
Rep	OK		Y	But additional time may be needed for complicated / complex issues. This would be in agreement with HDC.
Rep	G		Y	
Rep	Ok	We endeavour to make sure that a 3 minute presentation sticks to the material planning considerations. This is not always reciprocated by panel members.	Y	
Obj	P	Came away angry and frustrated. Spent a lot of time preparing only to find Panel paid little attention. V frustrating at not being able to clarify points further. One Panel member dismissed my comments saying they didn't know where I had got my information. Another said I must be confused with which site I was looking at. First time – left me disillusioned. Expected at least a fair hearing.	N	3 mins not long enough for speakers who are opposing the planning officers recommendations. Larger applications with a greater number of homes / buildings need more time. Base the time allowed for objectors to speak on the number of written objections received.
Rep	Ok	Controversial applications attracting large	N	Town Councillors should have longer to speak

		numbers of speakers should be prioritised to the start of the meeting. Applications which wont be decided should be noted at start of meeting to prevent speakers waiting through full meeting to find out if it has been deferred.		than residents.
Rep	Appaulling		N	3 minutes too short for councillors dividing up the time between objectors suggests that councillors are more interested in getting tea than listening to the electorate. A minimum of 2 minutes each would be better.
Rep	VG	Made welcome and appropriately advised and guided.	Y	3 mins is sufficient but needs appropriate preparation.
Obj	P	Entire procedure was window dressing. Members of the Panel had already decided. Quote elderly female councillor who showed obvious bias.	N	3 mins is not long enough. Amalgamation of several points into one presentation is unfair. Undermines the strength of feeling against an application. If 3 people speak for 1 min makes a mockery of representation.
Rep	OK	Daunting but read a statement so ok	Y	
OBJ	POOR	Information given to the Panel was ignored and not one Member of the Panel asked a question	N	2 mins inadequate especially if complex a mockery of public consultation
Rep	OK	Large no. of people,daunting.	N	Time constraints too rigid, atmosphere too formal.
Rep	Good		N	
Rep	Good		Y	

Q4a	Q4b	Q4c	Comments	Q5	Comments
Y	Y	Y		N	
N	N	N		Y	HDC Planning appears to happen in an atmosphere of secrecy.
Y	Y	N	Officers could seek clarification from the agent / applicant if members cannot articulate their concerns.	N	
Y	Y	Y		Y	There is no way to prove what any speaker said without making special arrangements. To ensure proper accountability every speaker should be recorded and the recording kept for a minimum period.
Y	Y	Y		N	
Y	Y	Y	But additional time may be needed for complicated / complex issues. This would be in agreement with HDC.	N	
N	Y	Y	Town and Parish Councillors should speak last. This gives the opportunity to point out inaccuracies and misleading statements by the developer.	Y	Speakers require a microphone stand and a lecturn. Microphone system makes councillors look silly.
Y	Y	Y		N	It is sometimes apparent that Panel members have not read the planning notes which can cause confusion and frustration. Are the notes made available with sufficient time for Panel members to read and understand.
Y	Y	Y	Order ok. Should allow greater time for larger applications and those with a number of written applications.	N	
N	N	Y	Town councillors should have longer to speak than residents Prioritise large controversial applications Note deferred items at the start.	N	
Y	N	Y		Y	Committee clearly simply going through the

					motions and not listening with their minds open but made up in advance. View was shared with others with whom spoken since.
Y	Y	Y	Points of clarification well handled by the Chair.	N	
N	N	N	Objectors should have been able to question statements made in written application Applicant should be held to account by the community – not protected by planning officers.	Y	Felt I was battling vested interests in the Planning Department. Felt fobbed off.
Y	Y	Y		N	
Y	N	Y	If public consultaion objectors should be given the opportunity to ask panel questions	N	
N	N	Y	Applicant/agent should speak first, then in order as listed in the leaflet, finally objectors. Applicant should be able to correct any false statements. Cases stifled by 3 min deadline, intimidating atmosphere for unprofessional speakers, Chairman could ask speakers to try and keep to 3 mins and warn they may be stopped if needs be. This would be fairer system.	Y	Experience too limited to make comments other than previous.
N	Y	Y	In the case of a dispute applicant should speak first. Would give an opportunity for objectors to cover all points made.	Y	Use of microphones clumsy and unnecessary. Someone should be avail to help and advise speakers.
Y	Y	Y		N	

Q6	Comments	Q7a	Q7b	Comments
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Y	It needs to be less formal and the Panel need to realise that not everyone is comfortable to speak in public.	V		
Y	If there are a number of individual objectors to a scheme, additional time could be found. Members of the public need to feel involved in the process and properly engage with the Committee, otherwise they may feel disenfranchised.	VV	Y	I was personally impressed by the way the DC Manager conducted the Panel meeting.
Y	Every speaker should be recorded as standard procedure.	V	Y	
N		V	Y	
N	Except for additional time for exceptionally complex issues.	VV	Y	
N		VV		
N		VV	N	
Y	Groups with a particular interest (ie Historic Societies, conservation groups should have their own time slot. When there are a large number of written objectors or very specific view points from different objectors number allowed should be more flexible. Base number of speakers on number of written objections.	VV	N	Important that speakers feel that what they have said has been understood. If speakers feel that the Panel have not understood a point there needs to be an opportunity for them to reclarify that point – maybe they could raise their hand and ask for a brief explanation.
N		VV		
	3 minutes too short for councillors dividing up the time between objectors suggests that councillors are more interested in getting tea than listening to the electorate. A minimum of 2 minutes each would be better.	V		
N	Wasn't aware that there was a limit to the number of objectors who may address the Panel.	VV	Y	
Y	Right to speak not widely known. Would be more democratic if planning department acknowledge all written complaints with a letter outlining the	VV	N	Did not happen at meeting I attended. I would have welcomed opportunity to ask questions of the applicant and

	procedure for addressing the Panel and informed interested parties of the date and time of the meeting.			clarify points.
N		VV	Y	
Y	All relevant organisations should be invited, points made by objectors should not be repeated.	VV	N	Only valuable if panel member knowledgeable enough to ask a question, law points should be clarified by the Chairman immediately, not wait until end when issues may have been overlooked. Essential to be allowed to ask the panel questions.
Y	If contentious matter more objectors should be heard, should be asked not to repeat points previously made but just note agreement, system fails to make people feel they have had their say, strong chairman needed.	V	Y	Valuable if questions can be answered, some people had no answers for questions even though had prior warning of question.
N		VV	Y	Should occur after applicant has spoken.
N		VV	Y	

Q8	Comments	Q9	Comments
N	Applications with speakers should be dealt with first Panel should meet during office hours to present the meeting running into late evening. I left at 10pm and there were still a number of cases left to discuss.		
Y		Y	Very unclear and found the planning dept elusive and unhelpful
N	The Chamber is not really conducive to public viewing. Hopefully the new building will be an improvement.		
Y		N	
N	Speakers should be heard first	N	
Y		N	
N	See remarks about microphones	N	
Y		N	
N	Would be helpful if applications with speakers were heard first. Those who have spoken should remain to the front whilst the application is being discussed. When I had spoken and moved back to the public gallery I was not able to see all the councillors and it was difficult to see who was saying what.		Clear and staff was helpful. Unclear as to when you can ring. Does it have to be the Friday or can it be anytime up to the Friday from receipt of letter.
Y		N	
	Applications with speakers should be heard first.		
Y	I was late one evening and was still offered the opportunity to speak. This flexibility is commendable.		Guidance is good.
Y		N	Right to speak should be more widely publicised. Objectors should be actively invited to attend the meeting and speak if they wish.
Y		N	
N	Screen not in sight of whole room, hidden from people waiting to speak.	Y	Sets out the albeit flawed arrangement well. Should be sent out with original letter to residents or when objector registers intention to speak.
	Satisfactory, but maps should be checked for accuracy.	Y	Reasonable but could be better, why

			<p>should expensive translations be offered, when leaflet is designed for people presumably who speak English. How to find us map poor. Photos irrelevant and waste of space. What do I do if I wish to speak at Panel and contact details should be merged so not necessary to give J Hollands contact details twice. If objectors have limited time because several to speak this is not a fair and equitable system. Limiting to 3 objectors is inadequate. Administrative convenience should not be allowed to dictate the process followed.</p>
N	All should be able to see photographs	Y	Rather wordy and complex
N	Applications with speakers should be dealt with first. All applications should be dealt with before any general business is addressed.		

Q10	Comments
Y	I would suggest that both the Planning Department and the members be reminded that they are public servants and are not their for their own gratification but have a public service to perform rather than follow their own agendas.
Y	The process needs to be seen at least, to be open, fair and transparent. If not, people will not engage in the process.
	Important that speakers feel listened to and understood. Panel members need to respond to questions / points raised by speakers. Don't leave the public feeling ignored.
Y	Planning Department need to be re-educated regarding their responsibilities to the community at large. Public participation is not only the individuals right it is a fundamental principal of good government. Where matters of concern are repeatedly decided by a few behind closed doors the public become cynical and disengaged/.
Y	Would have liked to have corrected an incorrect point made by the applicant previously, but wasn't asked about any further points, realises this would make the meeting longer.
Y	Flawed arrangements seeking to give impression of public consultation, whilst restricting input that renders this impossible.
N	
	In a dispute photos always favour officers decisions. Objectors should be able to see these in advance.

Councillor	Q9	Comments	Q10	Comments
Banerjee	Y		N	
Baker, K M	Y		N	
Bates	Y		N	
Boddington		Can only judge building as at present – new civic suite will be a big improvement	N	
Criswell	Y	The use of lollipop mikes is an embarrassing joke. The sooner we move into the new building the better.	N	
Gray	N	Think all speakers should sit at the table until the end of the debate (alongside one another) Can't see some of the councillors round the pillar Applications should be dealt with the order as present.	N	Think this is fine.
Hyams	N	They are the best you can do at the moment.	N	
Newman	Y		N	
Simpson	Y	Again as far as my experience.	N	
Sadler	Y		N	
Thorpe	N	All applications with speakers should be afforded priority to prevent lengthy waiting times for speakers.	Y	Regarding "How to find us" it may be beneficial to advise that there is little parking space at Pathfinder House and to identify public parking areas nearby.
West	N	I wish we had a different microphone system. I understand this will change in the new building.	N	

Councillor	Q11	Comments
Banerjee	Y	There is not adequate room for the procedure to be convenient for everybody. The new Council Chamber when built will help us hopefully.
Baker, K M	N	
Bates	N	
Boddington	N	
Criswell	N	
Gray	N	Most issues are already addressed.
Hyams	N	
Newman	N	
Simpson	N	
Thorpe	N	
West	N	