

## **SPEAKING RIGHTS AT THE COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### ***(i) Representation by Councillor, MP or MLA.***

The total time allowed for representations by a council member for or against an application will be 5 minutes, unless the Chair of the Committee on the day decides to extend the time allowed due to unusual or exceptional circumstances. Where more than one councillor wishes to speak for or against the application, this time slot will be shared.

MPs and MLAs will be permitted to address the Committee where they have been asked to represent their constituents. Proof of this fact must be submitted to the Councils Chief Administrative Officer / Committee Clerk by 12 noon two working days before the meeting.

The total time allowed for representations from an MP for or against an application will be 5 minutes, unless the Chair of the Committee on the day decides to extend the time allowed due to unusual or exceptional circumstances. Where more than one MP wishes to speak for or against the application, this time slot will be shared. This rule will also apply to MLAs wishing to speak about the application.

### ***(ii) Representations – Objectors***

The total time allowed for an objector to address the Committee will be 3 minutes unless the Chair of the Committee decides on the day of the meeting to extend the time allowed due to unusual or exceptional circumstances. Where there is more than one objector, the Chair will ask for a spokesperson to represent their views.

### ***(iii) Representation on behalf of applicant, agent or supporter.***

The total time allowed for an applicant, agent or supporter to address the Committee will be 3 minutes unless the Chair of the Committee decides on the day of the meeting to extend the time allowed due to unusual or exceptional circumstances.

If more than one person wants to speak in support of the application, the Chair of the Committee will ask for a spokesperson to represent their views.