

PUBLIC SPEAKING AT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

MEMBER FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE

Q1 Do you feel that generally the speakers made a positive contribution to your understanding of the proposal? 10 Yes 0 No

Q2 Do you feel that generally the speakers influenced your decision making? 2 Yes 7 No

Q3 Do you feel that allowing a member of the public to speak makes a positive contribution to public involvement in the planning system? 10 Yes 0 No

Q4 Have any of the speakers given you feedback of their experience? 2 Yes 8 No
If Yes was it positive feedback 2 Yes 0 No

Q5 Do you feel that the time for the speaker is sufficient? 10 Yes 0 No

Q6 Could you hear the speaker? 9 Yes 1 No

Q7 Are the visual presentations helpful? 10 Yes 0 No
(One respondent felt more detail should be provided if possible)

Q8 Do you have any suggestions as to how the process can deal with the question of a site visit? 3 Yes 6 No
Comments received:

- Site visits don't have anything to do with the speaker. If the Committee vote for a site visit following a debate which included one or more speakers then the speakers have contributed to the decision. Site visits are for Members in order that issues are visited on site as clarification.
- More notice given by Members of their intentions i.e. one week before the meeting so that speakers can be given notice and the chance to make a decision on whether to attend.
- If a site visit is approved after the speaker has spoken they should be allowed to speak again (making different points if wished) at the next meeting.

Q9 Do you have any suggestions as to how the process can be further improved? 3 Yes 5 No

Comments received:

- It may be a little early in the process to offer suggestions for improvements particularly as over the initial months we have been ironing out creases as we have gone along which has in itself brought about improvements to the system.

APPENDIX A

- Mock up of the application so that Members have a better vision of the proposal.
- When a Councillor speaks as a Ward Member and not a Committee Member the time limit should be as members of the public i.e. 3 minutes only and only once.
- The speaker should be allowed to speak after Members have spoken but before final summing up.
- When Members of the public wish to speak, those applications should be dealt with first in the meeting.