REQUEST TO SPEAK AT
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning Application and Meeting Details

Reference No.  

Description & Location  

Date of Meeting:  

I wish to speak to:  

☐ OBJECT to the application  ☐ SUPPORT the application

Request to Speak Made by

Name  

Address  

Telephone No.  Fax No.  

Mobile No.  

Email Address

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of people who wish to speak may be given to other people who share their views and have expressed a wish to address the committee.

If not yourself, the name of the person speaking on your behalf

Name  

Who is a:  ☐ District Councillor  ☐ Town or Parish Councillor  ☐ Kent County Councillor  

Other: (please specify)  

Speaker Telephone No.  Email Address

Does the speaker have any special needs?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

If YES, please provide details:

Please return the completed form to:

Democratic Support, Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, DOVER CT16 3PJ

Email: democraticservices@dover.gov.uk  Telephone: 01304 872305  Fax: 01304 872452

Important: This form must be received by Dover District Council no later than two working days prior to the date of the planning meeting shown above. For a Thursday meeting this would be a deadline of Tuesday. Each speaker is permitted to speak for three minutes only.
PUBLIC SPEAKING AT PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. The scheme for public speaking at Planning Committee only concerns matters relating to the determination of individual applications for planning permission contained in the Planning Committee agenda and not to other matters such as Tree Preservation Orders or Enforcement.

2. The scheme for public speaking will apply at each meeting where an individual application for planning permission is considered by the Planning Committee.

3. Any person wishing to speak at the Planning Committee should submit a written request using this form and indicate clearly whether the speaker is in favour of, or opposed to, the planning application.

4. The form must be returned to Democratic Support no later than two working days prior to the meeting of the Planning Committee.

5. Speaking opportunities will be allocated on a first come, first served basis but with the applicant being given first chance of supporting the scheme. Applicants or agents will be notified of requests to speak. Third parties who have applied to speak will be notified of other requests only when these directly affect their application to speak. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of people who wish to speak may be given to other people who share their views and have expressed a wish to address the Committee. The identified speaker may defer to another at the discretion of the Chairman of the Committee.

6. One person will be allowed to speak in favour of, and one person allowed to speak against, each application. The maximum time limit will be three minutes per speaker. This does not affect a person’s right to speak at a site visit if the Committee decides one should be held.

7. Public speakers will not be permitted to distribute photographs or written documents at the Committee meeting.

8. The procedure to be followed when members of the public address the Committee will be as follows:

(a) Chairman introduces item.
(b) Planning Officer updates as appropriate.
(c) Chairman invites the member of the public and Ward Councillor(s) to speak, with the applicant or supporter last.
(d) Planning officer clarifies as appropriate.
(e) Committee debates the application.
(f) The vote is taken.

9. In addition to the arrangements outlined in paragraph 6 above, District Councillors who are not members of the Committee may be permitted to address the Planning Committee for three minutes in relation to planning applications in their Ward. This is subject to giving formal notice of not less than two working days and advising whether they are for or against the proposals. In the interests of balance, a further three minutes’ representation on the contrary point of view will be extended to the identified or an additional speaker. If other District Councillors wish to speak, having given similar notice and with the agreement of the Chairman, this opportunity will be further extended as appropriate.

10. Agenda items will be taken in the order listed.

11. The Chairman may, in exceptional circumstances, alter or amend this procedure as deemed necessary.

Any queries regarding this procedure should be addressed to Democratic Support at democraticservices@dover.gov.uk or by telephone on 01304 872305.