

Planning at Community Council Meetings

This sheet will tell you about what happens at the meeting when the community council considers a planning application, a planning enforcement case or other planning proposals.

The community council must follow the same rules and procedures as the council's main planning committee.

The items are heard in the order printed on the agenda, but the chair may change the running order of the items.

At the start of each item, the council's planning officer will present the report about the planning application and answer points raised by Members of the committee. After this, the following people may speak on the application if they wish, but **not more than 3 minutes each**:

1. A representative (spokesperson) for the objectors - if there is more than one objector wishing to speak the time is then divided within the 3 minute time slot
2. The applicant or their agent
3. A representative for any supporters who live within 100 metres of the development site
4. A ward councillor from where the proposal is located.

The chair will ask the speakers to come forward to speak. Once the speaker's three minutes have elapsed, members of the committee may ask questions of them, relevant to the roles and functions of the community council.

Members of the committee will then debate the application and consider the recommendation.

Note

If there are several objectors or supporters, they have to identify a representative who will speak on their behalf. If more than one person wishes to speak, the 3 minute time allowance must be shared amongst those who wish to speak. Objectors may wish to meet with other objectors in the foyer of the hall prior to the start of the meeting to appoint a representative.

Speakers should restrict their comments to the planning aspects of the proposal and should avoid repeating what is already on the report.

The arrangements at the meeting may be varied at the discretion of the Chair.