

What can I speak about?

Your comments should be confined to planning issues relevant to the application.

You may comment on matters such as:



- National, regional or local planning policies.
- Design of the development.
- Landscape impact.
- Impact of the proposal on local amenities and the character of the neighbourhood.
- Conservation issues.
- Impact on neighbours in terms of noise, overlooking or pollution.

You should not comment on matters which are not relevant such as:



- The morals or motives of the applicant.
- Matters which are controlled by other legislation.
- Private legal rights.
- Possible future development not included in the application.
- Business competition.
- Loss of a private view.
- Alleged increase/decrease in property value.

When will I find out the result?

Usually a decision is reached upon the application at the meeting, but in a small number of cases, consideration may be deferred for the Committee to visit the site or to receive or consider further information. If the decision is deferred to a later meeting, you will be informed of the time and date that meeting will take place, if you have supplied your contact details.

How can I register to speak?

To register to speak on an application, you can complete and return the supply slip you have received by post. Alternatively you can register online:

Please follow this link and then click on 'Registering to speak at Planning Committee':
<http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/public-participation>

For further information on this scheme please contact:

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Speaking at Planning Committee

We are committed to enabling public involvement in the planning process and we provide the opportunity for people to speak at Planning Committee to amplify points raised in submissions or representations made on planning applications.



Speaking at Planning Committee

Do I have to speak at the meeting?

You may choose to speak if you wish to amplify any points you have made, but you are not required to speak for your views to be considered as your representations made during the consultation are summarised in the officer's report to the Committee.

Who can speak at Planning Committee?

The opportunity to speak is available to the applicant, agent, supporters, objectors and consultees (including representatives of parish/town councils and the County Council) as well as District Councillors not on the Planning Committee.

How long do I have to speak?

You are allowed a maximum of three minutes to present your views. You will be allowed to speak only once. To make the best use of your time, please be brief and to the point.

Remember: a good point does not get better by repeating it.

If you are asked to represent the views of another person who is unable to attend, you can do so within your allocated three minutes, but you will not be allowed additional time to

speak for another person. The Committee will also not be able to ask any questions related to the other person's statement.

You do not have the right to a reply and you are not permitted to cross examine other speakers, ask questions or join the debate.

Written submissions, photographs or display material are not permitted during public speaking and will not be accepted at the meeting. Written submissions or photographs must be submitted during the consultation.

Where and when are Planning Committee meetings held?

Planning Committee meetings are normally held every four weeks on a Tuesday commencing at 2pm in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices, 2013 Mill Lane, Wingerworth, S42 6NG.

How will I know which Planning Committee meeting the application will be considered at?

Once the agenda has been finalised we will write to or email every person who has written to comment on an application due to be heard. However not all applications are determined by the Planning Committee; it may be determined under delegated powers given to officers. In these cases, you can find out the outcome by viewing the Decision Notice on the website.

When should I arrive and what time will the application be dealt with?

Please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. You will be asked to wait in reception until you are shown into the meeting room and advised where to sit. It is not possible to give a definite time when each application will be

heard. Applications are usually dealt with in the order they are set out in the agenda. If a lot of people want to speak, it may take two hours or more before all the applications have been considered.

What is the procedure at committee meetings?

The Chair of the Committee will introduce the application. Where additional information has been submitted following the publication of the agenda the Committee will be updated. A visual presentation will then be given by the Planning Manager, containing photographs and plans of the application site.

You will be asked to address the Planning Committee in the following order:

- County/District/Parish/Town Councillor(s)
- Objector(s)
- The applicant/agent and/or any supporter(s).

When you are nearing the end of your allotted three minutes you will be advised to finish speaking.

After speaking, you may be asked questions by the Committee to clarify points you have made. The Committee will then debate the application. You are not allowed to participate in the debate.

Control of the meeting is entirely at the discretion of the Chair. No one can demand to speak as of right. Where any person does not comply with the procedure set out above, they will be asked to do so. If they persist, they may be prevented from speaking and/or asked to leave the room.