

**LONDON THAMES GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
CODE OF PRACTICE FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING AT  
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- 1 Speaking by the public on matters to be determined at London Thames Gateway Development Corporation Planning Committee meetings will be allowed in the following circumstances only.

**Planning Applications being determined by the Planning Committee**

- 2 Objectors and supporters of the application who have written in to comment on the application will be contacted by the LTGDC no less than 6 working days before the date of the meeting which is due to determine the planning application to find out whether they wish to speak at the Committee meeting.
- 3 Where objectors have requested to speak, applicants or their representatives will also be asked whether they wish to speak at the meeting. Applicants or their representatives will not normally be allowed to speak where the application is recommended for approval and there are no requests from objectors to speak.
- 4 The maximum times allowed in total for speakers, unless otherwise agreed by the Chair of the Committee, will be:

Objectors – 5 minutes

Applicants/Supporters – 5 minutes

- 5 If several objectors wish to speak, they will share the 5 minute period and be encouraged to nominate one speaker where possible.
- 6 If the applicant and one or more supporters wish to speak, they also will share the 5 minute period and be encouraged to nominate one speaker where possible.
- 7 All those who wish to speak must contact the LTGDC Planning Committee Clerk no later than 5pm two working days before the date of the Planning Committee meeting. They are to provide contact details and confirm whether they wish to speak for or against the application.
- 8 The order of speaking at Planning Committee meetings in respect of the determination of planning applications will be as follows:

Objector(s)

Applicant/applicant's representative

Supporters

- 9 After each speaker there will be an opportunity for Committee members to ask questions of the speaker and after the final speaker the planning officer will respond to the speakers and formally present the report to the Committee.

### **Any other matter for consideration by the Planning Committee**

- 10 No more than two presentations on such matters will be accepted at any Committee meeting. Any such presentation shall not exceed 10 minutes in total with a further 20 minutes allowed for comments/questions from members of the Committee and officers.
  
- 11 Decisions as to whether a presentation should be sought by the Corporation will be taken by the Chair of the Planning Committee in consultation with the Director of Planning. Decisions in respect of whether a presentation sought by any person or organisation should be allowed to take place to the Planning Committee will be taken by the Chair of the Planning Committee in consultation with the Director of Planning.