

MEETING

CONSTITUTION, ETHICS AND PROBITY COMMITTEE

DATE AND TIME

THURSDAY 29TH JUNE, 2017

AT 7.00PM

VENUE

HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed a late addendum to the Constitution Review report which proposes changes to speaking rules at planning committees to clarify the number of speakers for and/or against an application due to the current wording being ambiguous.

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No.	Section	Reference	Issue Identified	Changes Made
	Meetings Procedure Rules	Requests to speak at Planning Committees and Area Planning Committees, Section 7.7	The section of the Constitution relating to speaking arrangements at Planning Committees and Area Planning Committees currently states that there can only be a maximum of two speakers in favour or against an application, with the third speaker slot reserved for the applicant or their representative. The wording as currently drafted gives rise to ambiguity because the public may assume that the speakers will be either two in favour or two against a particular application. In practical terms, where there are speakers registered both for and against there is only one speaker slot for each (plus the applicant or their representative). Additional wording is proposed to remove the ambiguity from the rules as currently drafted.	<p>7.3 <u>Requests to speak at Planning Committees and Area Planning Committees</u></p> <p>7.5 Requests to speak should be submitted to the relevant Planning Case Officer by 10am on the third working day prior to the meeting.</p> <p>7.6 A maximum of three speakers are able to address the committee on each application or item.</p> <p>7.7 In respect of planning committees only, there can be a maximum of two speakers in favour or against an application. The third speaker slot is reserved for the applicant or their representative irrespective of whether the application is recommended for approval or refusal. The applicant's representation will be taken as the last speaker on an item.</p> <p>7.8 Where there have been requests to speak both in favour and against an application one speaker slot will be reserved for supporters and one for objectors.</p> <p>7.9 Where there are speakers registered only in favour or only against an application and there have been Where more than two requests to speak have been received, the public shall decide amongst themselves who is to address the Committee. If this does not take place, the Chairman shall use their discretion to determine who is able to speak.</p>

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