

**Participation by the Public and members of the Council at Planning Committee**

- (1) Whenever a planning application is dealt with by Planning Committee the procedure that will ordinarily be followed is that:-
- (i) Up to five members of the public who wish to speak against an application will be allowed to speak. Each will have up to four minutes in which to state their case.
  - (ii) Up to five members of the public who wish to speak in favour of an application will then be allowed to speak. Again each will have up to four minutes in which to state their case.
  - (iii) Borough councillors (not on Planning Committee) will then have the opportunity to make representations about the application. Each will have up to four minutes to state their case.
  - (iv) The applicant/agent will then be invited to speak in support of the application. Ordinarily he/she will have up to four minutes to speak.
  - (iv) The application will be then be discussed by Committee. At this point members of the public, the applicant and other councillors not on Committee will not be able to speak further.
  - (v) Planning Committee will then take a vote on the matter.
- (2) The Chairman of Planning Committee has discretion to vary these rules when dealing with a particular application if he considers it appropriate. Whenever members of the public speak (whether in opposition to a proposal or in favour of it) they should avoid repeating the same points made by other speakers.

(3) A varied procedure (to enable more detailed consideration) will be followed when dealing with master plans and outline planning applications relating to Major Sites for Development. This will not apply for subsequent reserved matters or minor applications relating to the Major Sites. Major Sites for Development are those sites defined in the adopted South Ribble Local Plan (2015) and are named as follows:

- C1 Pickering's Farm, Penwortham
- C2 Moss Side Test Track, Leyland
- C3 Land Between Heatherleigh and Moss Lane, Farington Moss
- C4 Cuerden Strategic Site

(4) The varied procedure for dealing with Major Sites for Development shall be:

- (i) Opportunity for objectors to speak to Planning Committee as follows:
  - Individuals may speak for up to 4 minutes
  - As many individuals will be allowed as possible to speak within a total deadline set at 30 minutes - this may be extended at Chairman's discretion
- (ii) Opportunity for those in favour (other than the applicant) to speak to Planning Committee as follows:
  - Individuals may speak for up to 4 minutes
  - As many individuals will be allowed as possible to speak within a total deadline set at 30 minutes - this may be extended at Chairman's discretion
- (iii) Borough councillors have up to 4 minutes each
- (iv) The applicant is allowed up to 15 minutes to speak
- (v) After this point the application will be brought into Planning Committee with no further questions or answers unless the Chairman allows.

(5) No paperwork, plans or photographs will be allowed to be circulated by

the applicant/agent or member of the public at any meeting of the Planning Committee.