

PART 2 - MEDWAY COUNCIL PLANNING CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE (incorporating the Site Visit Protocol) Extract

7. The role of a Ward Councillor when addressing the Planning Committee

7.1 Set out below is the procedure to be followed by Ward Councillors when they wish to address the Planning Committee as Ward Councillors:

- i) Ward Councillors register their wish to speak at the Planning Committee with the Chairperson, ~~Head of Planning~~ Chief Planning Officer or Democratic Services Officer no later than 5.15pm on the day of the Planning Committee.
- ii) Each Ward Councillor will be permitted to speak on an individual planning application/enforcement matter for up to 5 minutes. Where there is more than one Ward Councillor wishing to address the Committee then they will be permitted up to 5 minutes each.
- iii) A Ward Councillor shall only be permitted to address the Committee once on an individual planning application with the following exceptions:-
 - a) A Ward Councillor representing a single member ward, shall be permitted to address the Committee twice on an individual planning application.
 - b) In respect of all wards, ~~Therefore, if~~ the application is deferred, the Ward Councillor will not be permitted to address the Committee again on the same application when the application is re-submitted for consideration unless ~~it~~ the Committee receives legal advice that it is either a new application or unless the application has significantly changed.
- iv) This will not remove the right for a Ward Councillor to speak at Planning site visits. This provision will not prevent a Ward Councillor from addressing the Committee on a planning application for the same site in the event that a fresh planning application is submitted at a future date.
- v) In the event of a planning application/enforcement matter being located on the Ward boundary and it is accepted that the impact of the proposal will affect an adjoining Ward, then Ward Councillors from the adjoining Ward will have the same rights to address the Planning Committee as those in whose Ward the planning application/enforcement matter is located.