

FW: Freedom of Information Act request - 2011/4607 - Third party objectors

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I refer to your request for information received on 27th April 2011.

Please see the information below in response to your questions:

1. At hearings of the Planning Applications Committee, are individual third party objectors to planning applications permitted to orally address the Committee, and if so, for how long?

No, The Planning Applications Committee will only receive written representations or objections. It will not receive oral deputations.

2. If so, is this under Standing Orders and if so, which provision of those Standing Orders permits this?

Not applicable.

3. If not, what are the reasons why individual third party objectors to planning applications are not permitted to orally address the Planning Applications Committee?

There is no requirement to do so and the Council have chosen to run the meetings on the traditional basis that officers advise and Members make decisions on planning applications. There is an obligation on the planners to give account of representations made by third parties in the reports they write and which are sent to Members – this includes tabling late reports to ensure that Members have up-to-date information.

Please also see the attached link to web page for "How decisions are made", further information can be found under sections 1 to 6.

http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/10058/decision_making/62/how_decisions_are_made/1

http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/10058/decision_making/62/how_decisions_are_made/6

I hope this information meets your needs. If you do not understand the information provided or wish to discuss anything further, please feel free to contact me and I, or another member of the team will be able to assist you.

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Wandsworth Town Hall
Wandsworth High Street
London
SW18 2PU

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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