

**Implementation Date: 01 September 2023**

### **Template for Requesting Speaking Rights at the Planning Committee**

The Protocol for the Operation of the Planning Committee provides for interested person(s) to register to speak on a planning application that is scheduled to be determined at the next meeting of the Planning Committee. This request must be received by the Planning Department no later than 10am on the Monday before the Planning Committee meeting via email account [planning@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk](mailto:planning@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk).

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| <b>Planning Reference</b>                              | LA01/2024/0977/F                                                                           |
| <b>Name</b>                                            | Mark Smyth                                                                                 |
| <b>Contact Details</b>                                 | Tel:<br><br>Email:                                                                         |
| <b>Support or Objection – please tick relevant box</b> | Support <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> x<br>Objection <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Written representation summarising key points to be addressed and supplementary information in support of your case (minimum font size 10 and maximum length two sides of A4 page).**

#### **Key points to be addressed**

The reason for refusal is based on the principle of the proposal with no other planning or consultee concerns raised.

Prior to submission of the application the applicant implemented the work to safeguard the structure. An element of this proposal is to seek retrospective approval for retention of the restoration works completed to date

The supporting structural engineer's report demonstrates that the building can be restored and reinstated for living accommodation.

The proposal is considered policy compliant as it seeks to restore a traditional stone cottage for living accommodation. Works are confined to the existing building footprint with no impact on visual amenity or integration.

Given the modest size of the structure the refurb is not intended to facilitate permanent occupation. Given its location the proposal is ideally suited for modest conversion to a small self-catering unit.

As the application seeks permission to retain already completed refurbishment works then as a fallback we request that consideration is given to approve these works to regularise matters regarding the enforcement case.