

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.

Planning Reference	LA01/2023/1164/F
Name	Johann Muldoon, Aidan Bradley, Judith Wilson
Contact Details	Tel: _____ Email: _____
Support or Objection – please tick relevant box	Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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).

Upon reviewing the case officer’s report, it is evident that their position remains unchanged despite a site visit and meeting, during which the planning officer accepted several key facts regarding the site and its surrounding development.

During this meeting, it was acknowledged that the area in and around Drumack Hollow is of a suburban character, that the laneway serves as a shared access, and that its realignment is essential for the dwellings located along its length.

Supporting information reinforces the following;

- There are no key vantage points that would be negatively impacted.
- The site and surrounding lands integrate well within the existing landscape.
- No detrimental impact on the countryside would result from the proposed works.

We strongly believe that this application aligns with the relevant planning policies, namely:

- **Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS) Paragraph 6.73** – The proposal meets the policy's intent of sustainable rural development.
- **Planning Policy Statement 21 (PPS 21) Policy CTY 13** – The development integrates appropriately within the site and its surroundings.
- **Planning Policy Statement 21 (PPS 21) Policy CTY 14** – The proposal cannot be reasonably located elsewhere, integrates well within its setting, and any ancillary works would not be detrimental to the rural character of the area.

Additionally, we have provided a letter from the applicant outlining his commitment to planting forestry and detailing the necessity of the laneway realignment.

We ask that this application is deferred for a site visit in order that due consideration can be given to the existing site-specific suburban characteristics of Drumack Hollow and consideration that the proposed realignment of an existing private lane is a minor development that integrates with the surroundings and will not harm rural character.