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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	LA01/2023/0459/F
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Support or Objection – please tick relevant box	Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objection <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>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).</p> <p>The case officers report and refusal reasons detail paragraphs 6.73 & 6.88 of the SPPS but fails to mention paragraph 6.87 which states "...appropriate redevelopment and expansion proposals for industrial and business purposes will normally offer the greatest scope for sustainable economic development in the countryside. Such proposals may occasionally involve the construction of new buildings, where they can be integrated in a satisfactory manner." I would be of the opinion that the SPPS can support the expansion/redevelopment of an existing business in the countryside.</p> <p>The case officer has stated that the proposal does not meet the requirements of PED3 of PPS4 as there are no exceptional reasons as to why the proposal is required in this location. The applicant had provided a rationale as to why the proposal was to be located where it was along with a list of their machinery and vehicles. Whilst they may not have been on site at the time of visit it is understood that they are there and would have most likely been on site at the time of visit. The design & access statement submitted with the application also outlined how it is not possible to relocate the business to the nearest settlement of Garvagh and paragraph 5.13 of PPS 4, in the justification and amplification of Policy PED3 clearly states " Exceptionally, where it is accepted that relocation of an existing industrial enterprise is not possible for particular operational or employment reasons, such expansion may be permitted."</p> <p>The proposal seeks to consolidate an existing and thriving local business, and is doing so in a sensitive manner, making sure the new building would not be prominent in the countryside, as indicated by the case officers report. I believe the proposal is acceptable under the provisions of the SPPS and Policy PED3 of PPS4</p>	

