

**BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPEAKERS AT MEETINGS AT WHICH A  
PLANNING APPLICATION WILL BE DETERMINED**

Note: This code applies to meetings of the Planning Committee and the Council when planning applications are to be determined.

- \* **You have five minutes.** Your written submission has been summarised, considered and assessed in a written report which has been circulated to the councillors prior to the meeting.
- \* If you are speaking for someone else, or as a spokesperson for a group of people, please say who.
- \* Be clear, concise and as short as possible.
- \* Do not repeat yourself and do not repeat points or arguments made by previous speakers in your category (see below for the categories of speakers).
- \* You do not have a right to reply and you are not permitted to cross examine other speakers, ask questions, or join in the debate.
- \* Confine your comments to planning issues. Deal with your main points first.
- \* You are subject to the normal laws of slander and defamation. Your comments are being recorded.
- \* **If you do not comply with this Code of Conduct you will be stopped and asked to comply. If you persist in not complying you will not be permitted to continue speaking.**
- \* **The Chairman of the meeting will close and clear the public gallery if there is disturbance or disorder.**

The categories of speakers are:-

1. District Councillors who have declared a prejudicial interest and wish to speak before leaving.
2. District Councillors not on the Planning Committee (this does not apply if the Council meeting taking place is a full Council meeting).
3. Representatives of the County Council.

4. Representatives of Parish or Town Councils.
5. Other consultees in the planning process.
6. Those member of the public and spokespersons objecting to the application.
7. The applicant, the applicants agent, and members of the public and spokespersons supporting the application.