



Reference: FOI1556

Request:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. Can you confirm how long, in minutes, a community group such as a Civic Society is permitted to speak at your local council's Planning Committee? (By 'Planning Committee' we mean your local authority's committee of elected members which determines planning applications. It may be known by a different name in your local authority).

5 minutes.

2. Is there a limit on the number of registered speakers permitted to speak at your Planning Committee? If yes, please specify the maximum number of speakers allowed.

When more than one member of the public wishes to speak, either for or against an application, they will be requested to appoint a single representative to speak. Normally only one person will be allowed to speak in opposition and one in support of an application.

3. Is there a limit on the total time allowed for registered speakers? If yes, please provide details of the time restriction.

No.

3. Are your Planning Committee procedure rules publicly available online? If yes, please provide the weblink.

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/Planning%20Committee%20Speaking%20Rights%20Scheme%202018.pdf>

4. Can you provide a contact email address for the secretariat for your Planning Committee, should we require any further information?

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