



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL CABINET
6 APRIL 2004

Report of the Director of Development and Cultural Services

Publicity For Telecommunications Proposals Public Speaking At Planning Control Committee

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To approve the amendment to the policy for publicity for telecommunications proposals.
- 1.2 To approve the extension of Public Speaking at Planning Control Committee to include proposals for Prior Notification

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2. To widen the publicity for telecommunications proposals so that local residents in particular are aware of proposals and so that their views can be taken into consideration in the planning process.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Council's adopted policy for publicity arrangements was adopted in 1998 in advance of the requirement for statutory publicity. It related solely to proposals submitted under the Prior Notification procedure and did not include those submitted as an application for planning permission which were subject to statutory publicity.
- 3.2 Since then, there have been various legislative and procedural changes including the introduction of statutory publicity and government guidance for the consideration of proposals.
- 3.3 There has also been an increase in public interest in the increasing number of such proposals.
- 3.4 A report was presented to the Planning Control Committee on 26 February 2004 to widen the publicity arrangements and to make these the same for both planning applications and Prior Notifications. A copy of that report is appended. Members resolved to agree the revised publicity.
- 3.5 Members also considered the suggestion in paragraph 2.23 of the appended report and agreed to extend public speaking at Committee to include Prior Notification proposals.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4. None.

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. There would be some increased administrative costs in sending neighbour notification letters and in posting site notices. There would also be increased resource costs in the increased administration and in dealing with an increased level of representations and public speaking at Committee.

Legal

2. The revised arrangements would help to protect the Council against complaints to the ombudsman/legal challenges on the basis that decisions had been made with inadequate publicity.

Personnel

3. There would be increased staff time in dealing with an increase in publicity and dealing with a possible higher level of representations and public speaking at Committee.

Corporate Objectives and Priorities for Change

4. Widening publicity and public speaking arrangements for telecommunications proposal would contribute to the priority to...

“Decide planning applications more quickly, while maintaining the quality of decision-making within a framework for the sustainable economic, environmental and social development of Derby”.

