

## What do I do now?

If you need to know more about speaking to Planning Committee, contact

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## Are you concerned about proposals to dig a quarry or bury waste near you?

These are the sorts of proposals that Staffordshire County Council's Planning Committee makes decisions on and those who have written in with their objections may have the chance to speak at the Committee.

If you need more information about public speaking you can find full details on our website:

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/planning](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/planning)

(Quick links to "Planning Committee")



**The Planning Committee, made up of County Councillors, takes decisions on waste and minerals and the County's own development schemes.**

## **How do you influence a decision**

Individuals and organisations can write to the County Council with their comments about planning proposals, and their comments will be included in the reports prepared by the County's professional planners.

People can speak to their parish and district councillors and ask them to make their views known to the Planning Committee. They can also talk to their local County Councillor.

Representations can also be made direct to the Planning Committee.



**The County Council wants to encourage more people to get involved in the planning process. It's all about open government empowering local people and their communities.**

## **Who can speak?**

All those objectors who have lodged written objections to proposals which will be determined by Planning Committee will be informed of the arrangements.

One objector, one supporter and a representative from the Parish Council can speak at the Planning Committee if they have made written comments on the proposals.

If more than one objector or supporter wants to speak, they must agree between them who will represent their views.

Anyone wanting to speak must let the Support Officer in Member and Democratic Services know by 5pm on the Monday before the Thursday Planning Committee.

## **What can you say?**

**Speakers have up to five minutes to put their perspective across.**

**Careful preparation is vital to ensure the arguments are well presented, effective and directly relevant to the application. No further written material can be submitted at this stage. Talk your ideas through with friends, neighbours and if you want any more information on public speaking see the public speaking protocol on our website or talk to our professionals.**

**Obviously speakers may not use abusive or offensive language and the Chairperson will have the right to stop a speaker.**

**The committee meeting is broadcast live to the internet and recorded for later viewing. The whole process is designed to be as user friendly and comfortable for everyone as possible.**

