Agenda Item 3

PROCEDURE FOR HEARING ELEMENT OF COMBINED SITE INSPECTION AND HEARING

FALKIRK COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

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1.   The Convener will introduce the Committee to those present and, will explain that the procedures to be followed will be those already intimated to both the applicant and any objectors/supporters. The Convener will ask all parties who participate to formally identify themselves to the Committee and for the purposes of the record.

2.   The Planning Officer will give a factual summary of the proposal.

3.   The applicant(s) or agent(s) will be invited to speak in support of the proposal. The applicant or their agent will normally be entitled to speak for up to 10 minutes.

4.   The objector(s), supporter(s) or agent(s) will be invited to speak to the terms of their representation(s) submitted to the Director of Development Services. Each party will normally be permitted to address the Committee once for up to 5 minutes. If a spokesperson is speaking on behalf of a group of parties with a similar interest or objection, that spokesperson will normally be permitted to address the Committee once for up to 10 minutes.

5.   The applicant(s) or agent(s) will have a right to reply to any points raised by the objector(s)/ supporters(s) or agent(s).

6.   The Members of the Committee will be invited to question the applicant(s)/agent(s) or the objector(s)/supporters(s)/ agent(s) or to seek guidance on factual or legal matters from the Officers.

7.   The Local Member will be invited to speak in relation to the application.

8.   The Convener may limit the number of speakers addressing the Committee on any particular topic or may curtail any speech which repeats any matter on which the Committee has already been addressed.

NOTE:

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL APPLICANTS BE ALLOWED TO QUESTION OBJECTORS SUPPORTERS DIRECT OR VICE VERSA. ALL REMARKS MUST BE DIRECTED TO THE CONVENER, WHOSE DECISION ON ANY MATTERS OF ORDER WILL BE FINAL.