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Public participation at Town Council Meetings

Members of the public are entitled and most welcome to be present at all meetings of Stalbridge Town Council. During the meeting should members of the public wish to speak in relation to an item listed on the agenda they are asked to raise a hand to attract the Chairman's attention. The level of involvement / time of speech are at the Chairman's discretion, in conjunction with his role to run a timely meeting in accordance with a time limit set in standing orders of 2 hours.

During full Council meetings there is a period of community open forum. This is to give members of the public the opportunity to speak or make reports on matters which are not listed on the agenda. This is an opportunity for members to listen and take on board information or issues raised. No debate or resolution can be made and any questions on matters of fact may be answered at the Chairman's discretion. A brief record of speech made during the period may be made.

There is a section on each agenda where correspondence is received. Members of the public wishing to communicate with the Council are invited to write or e-mail the Clerk in advance of the meeting giving 8 days notice prior to the meeting.

At planning committee meetings applicants, consultees and interested parties are welcome to attend and will be given the opportunity to speak prior to the Council's consideration of applications.