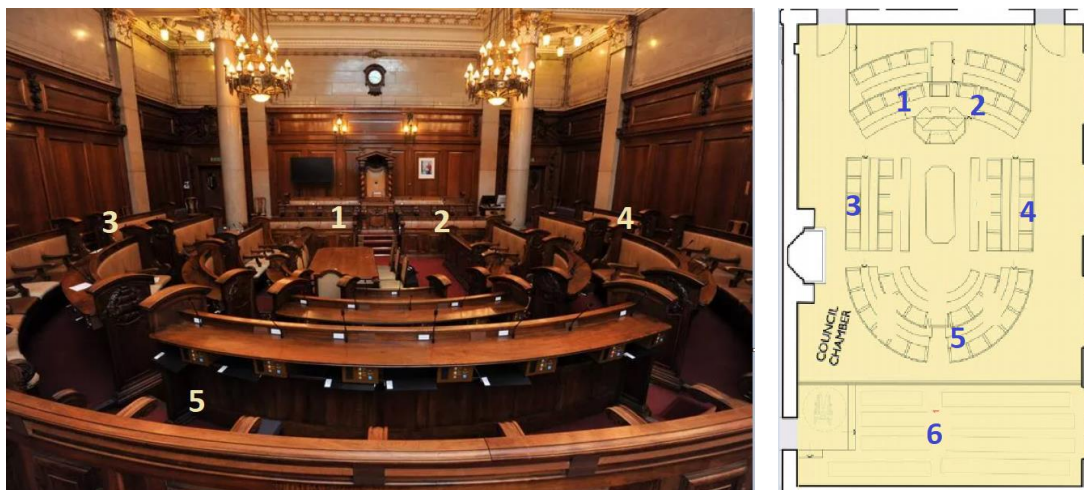


Hull Planning Committee Meetings – What to Expect

The Layout of the Guildhall Council Chamber



1. Is where the committee chair sits	2. Is where the officers of the council sit
3. Is where the Labour councillors sit	4. Is where the Lib Dem councillors sit
5. Is where members of the public speak from	6. Is the public gallery

How the Committee Works

The paperwork is published in advance on the planning portal. It is not unusual for an update sheet to be provided at the start of the meeting. If this is more than a few pages long the start of the committee may be delayed.

The Chair of the Committee will explain what will happen and will then invite members of the public to make representations. The order is usually that the objectors go first, then the ward councillors speak and then the applicants speak. There is only usually one speaker for the applicants but we know that the applicants are planning on bringing a large number of people to support their application.

Once all of the speakers have made representations the committee then debate the application and then take a vote on whether to follow the officers recommendation (which in this case is that the application should be approved).

The applicants and the councillors may say things that are controversial. It is really important that people in the public gallery do not react if this happens and do not speak from the gallery,

What Should Speakers Expect

You Need to register your intention to speak by midnight the day before the Committee. In reality they often let you register to speak on the day. Its best to do it in advance so that you can prepare and make sure you are not making the same points as other speakers.

At the committee you will be called by the chair by name. You make your way from the public gallery (6) to the speakers chair (5). You can stand or sit. If you sit down pull the microphone so that it is close to your mouth,

You have three minutes to speak. The chair will give you 30 seconds notice towards the end of your time. Practice in advance and if your speech is close to 3 minutes consider editing it so that you are not rushing. Its better to make one or two points well than garble through 3 or 4 points. A member of the Society with experience of planning has pre-prepared some speeches so you can opt to read out one of those.