

**Implementation Date: 01 September 2023**

**Template for Requesting Speaking Rights at the Planning Committee**

The Protocol for the Operation of the Planning Committee provides for interested person(s) to register to speak on a planning application that is scheduled to be determined at the next meeting of the Planning Committee. This request must be received by the Planning Department no later than 10am on the Monday before the Planning Committee meeting via email account [planning@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk](mailto:planning@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk).

<b>Planning Reference</b>	LA01/2018/1402
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<b>Support or Objection – please tick relevant box</b>	Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objection <input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Written representation summarising key points to be addressed and supplementary information in support of your case (minimum font size 10 and maximum length two sides of A4 page).</b></p> <p>On behalf of the Applicant, we want to support the decision of the Council and thank the planning officer/planning department for all their efforts in presenting this planning application to the committee for approval on this occasion. This has been a long difficult challenging planning application dating back to 2018, and it's with great pleasure now to see all matters now resolved and the application presented to the committee for approval.</p> <p>This application was submitted on behalf of Agquip Ltd, an indigenous local company established by Mr O’Kane in 2009 after he designed, manufactured, and patented a unique slurry spreading machine now sold worldwide.</p> <p>Agquip Ltd is now recognised as a key leader in the production of slurry spreading systems with machinery being sold and exported worldwide.</p> <p>Agquip Ltd is an organically grown successful North Coast manufacturing company exporting products worldwide. Mr O’Kane has found a niche in the agricultural market and has seen his business become one of the North Coast's and Northern Ireland's business success stories with the support of this Council and Invest NI.</p>	

The company currently employs 12 direct members of staff and a vast selection of subcontractors with all raw materials, parts, and services obtained from local suppliers and manufacturers within the North Coast area. This company is a now major contributor to the local economy with annual turnover of nearly 6 million pounds.

This planning approval will secure the company's manufacturing base in the North Coast and facilitate its future growth plans creating more employment for people from the local area.

Thank you for your time and I would ask that members support the approval of this planning application.