

Webcasting of Planning Committee Meetings

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What is a webcast?

A webcast is a transmission of audio and video over the internet. Video cameras at council meetings capture the live event and send it to a central server, which in turn can be accessed by anyone who is interested in the meeting. Through the use of your internet connection (either broadband or dial-up modem) and Windows Media player (this can be downloaded free of charge using the link provided), you can view the meetings from the comfort of your own home.

Why do we webcast these meetings?

Your elected councillors make decisions on planning applications that may affect you. St Albans City and District Council is committed to transparency and accountability and webcasting makes accessing these meeting easier and more convenient for members of the public. Our first broadcasts of the Rail Freight application meetings were viewed by over 400 people.

Which meetings are webcast?

At present, the Council are transmitting and recording all planning committee meetings that are held in the Council Chambers (planning committee meetings for the North of the District are normally held at Harpenden Town Hall). Planning Committee meetings are held on Monday evenings and start at 7pm. The Council is also considering broadcasting other meetings and events in the future.

What happens if I miss the meeting?

All meetings will be recorded and saved for a period of six months. For anyone who can't view the live broadcast, an archived version can be accessed (approximately 24 hours after the meeting) through the same method and then at any convenient time for the next six months.

How do I watch a webcast?

- ❑ Go to the Council's website: www.stalbans.gov.uk
- ❑ Then click on the link: [Planning Meeting webcasts](#)

From here you will be able to access the live webcast by clicking on [webcasts](#) or view a recording of a previous meeting by clicking on [archived](#) link and choosing the meeting you wish to view from the list of recorded meetings (recent meetings are also listed on the right-hand side of the main webcasting home screen).

This new service will also enable you to access background material, such as officer's reports, plan drawings and any presentation slides used during the meeting. For archived meetings, you can skip to a particular planning application debate that you are interested in by using the index points tab or use the sliding cursor. The text above the picture should indicate which application is being discussed at any point in time.

