



Press Release – July 2011

2 new homes in Canford Cliffs won on appeal – with costs

Ken Parke Planning Consultants have secured planning permission, at appeal, for 2 new detached 4 bedroom houses in the Canford Cliffs area of Poole.

Planning permission for the development, in De Mauley Road, had been refused permission by Poole Borough Council due to concerns about the affect of the proposed houses on the character and appearance of the area and because the applicant had refused to make large payments to the Council to be spent on unspecified transport and leisure facilities.

KPPC fought an appeal against the Council's decision on behalf of the owners of the property. We demonstrated to the Planning Inspector that the development would respect and improve the appearance of the area whilst also providing much needed additional homes. We also demonstrated that the Council's demands for nearly £8000 in financial contributions were unfair and in conflict with national policies. The Planning Inspector found that the Council's demands for money were unreasonable and ordered it to pay our client part of the costs of the appeal.

Associate Planning Consultant Robin Henderson, who handled the appeal, said:

"The Planning Inspector made the right decision in this case. We were able to demonstrate to the Inspector that the Council's concern that the houses would harm the character of the area was without foundation and simply wrong. In addition, we were able to show why the Council was unreasonable to demand large sums of money from the property owner, resulting in a partial reimbursement of our client's costs.

This decision shows that people should not simply accept the decisions of the Council or its demands for money to fund works that are often not necessary."