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Planning approved at appeal for third floor office extension in Wimborne Road

Ken Parke Planning are very pleased to secure planning permission, on appeal, for the alterations and extensions to a large building in the Winton area of Bournemouth. The building currently comprises a commercial element at ground floor with student accommodation at first floor and a suite of offices on the top floor. The approved proposals provide a third floor extension for additional office accommodation.

Bournemouth Borough Council refused the planning application for a number of reasons including design, siting and height and being detrimental to the character and appearance of the area. Ken Parke defended the scheme at appeal stating that the proposals were a logical and appropriate design approach and although the extension will be visible, it will be seen as an integral part of the existing building. Ken also submitted that significant weight should be attached to the benefits of providing additional economic development within such a sustainable location.

The Inspector agreed with the appellants and concluded that the proposed development would enhance the character and appearance of the existing building and of the area, and would support the aims of policies which encourage the development and expansion of commercial and small businesses.