



Press Release – January 2012

Successful Planning Appeal and Costs Award

KPPC has obtained, at appeal, planning permission for a new house in Poole.

The Council had argued that planning permission could not be granted for the house without our client making financial payments in excess of £37,000 towards a range of supposed essential infrastructure. But Planning Inspector John Wilde agreed with Associate Planning Consultant Rob Henderson's representations that the vast majority of the payment was not necessary, reasonable or lawful. The final settlement specified by the Inspector is £1724, representing a 95% reduction on the figure initially demanded by the Council and a saving for our client of over £35,500.

This decision yet again demonstrates that developers should not simply accept the unreasonable demands of Councils for large infrastructure payments. In this case, the level of contribution sought by the Council would almost certainly have made the development unviable and prevented a much-needed new house from becoming available. Our client had no choice but to appeal against the Council's unreasonable stance. The Planning Inspector has ordered the Council to fully reimburse our client for the fees he has incurred pursuing the appeal.