



## **Press Release – December 2011**

### **Day Nursery Appeal Win**

KPPC have secured planning permission, at appeal, to change the use of a house in the suburbs of Poole to a children's nursery. The Council had refused planning permission, fearing that the nursery would cause traffic hazards on a busy distributor road and perpetuate pre-existing problems of illegal parking in the area. However, KPPC in conjunction with our affiliate JPC Highway Consultants were able to demonstrate to the Planning Inspector, through survey information and a clear knowledge of the appropriate regulations, that the Council's fears were unfounded and that the proposed use may in fact improve road safety in the area.

The Council's position appeared to be based upon its assumption that parents dropping off or collecting children by car would take dangerous short term risks by parking illegally or reversing into fast flowing traffic on the adjacent main road. However, the Inspector agreed with KPPC that parents transporting young children were no more likely than any other road user to behave dangerously. He accordingly granted full planning permission for the proposed use.

Rob Henderson, Associate Planning Consultant, said: "The nursery will respond to a need identified by our client for good quality and affordable childcare facility in this dense suburban area. I am pleased that the Planning Inspector saw through the Council's unfounded objection to the proposal and that the project can go ahead. We wish our client well with her new facility which will accommodate up to 36 pre-school children."