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Beating the Enforcers – another successful planning appeal

When an enforcement notice, requiring the removal of a caravan from Green Belt land, came through our client's letter box he feared he would lose his home. Despite having lived quietly in the caravan for over 8 years, the Council's Planning Enforcers were determined that it should be removed, alleging that it harmed the open character of the site and nature conservation.

KPPC lodged an appeal and, following a Public Inquiry and nearly a year of correspondence, the appeal has been allowed and our client and his home are secure. In addition, our client will benefit from having his residential use of the land regularised as it will now acquire commensurate value.

Associate Planner Rob Henderson, who represented the client throughout the process and at the public inquiry, explained *"in order to protect our client's home, it was necessary to pursue an appeal using the public inquiry process which can be intimidating to some. It has been a complex and protracted case but has been worth it. The Council's enforcement team were ready to see a man made homeless by their aggressive actions without having first established key facts. I'm very pleased that we have been able to intervene, set the record straight, and protect our client's home in perpetuity."*

If you have a planning enforcement issue you should seek professional advice at the very earliest possible stage. Ken Parke Planning Consultants are experienced in handling planning enforcement cases and advising on the best approach which will differ in every case.