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88 bedroom extension approved at Bournemouth Town Centre Hotel

Local firm Ken Parke Planning Consultants are celebrating after winning a planning appeal for a 5 storey, 88 bedroom, extension to the Trouville Hotel, on Priory Road in Bournemouth.

The extension, designed by Anders Roberts Associates architects, will be constructed above the existing car park and make a very positive contribution to the range of traveller accommodation available in the town centre.

The planning appeal was necessary because Bournemouth Council planners refused to grant permission. They considered the extension to be too large and were demanding an enormous sum of money from the hotel of over £190,000 to pay for road and footpath improvements in the area.

But the Planning Inspector, Mr G Hollington, said that:

“The proposed development would not harm the character and appearance of the surrounding area but it would potentially take the opportunity to improve these.” And,

“My conclusion on this issue is that the financial contribution sought by the local planning authority in respect of transport infrastructure is not reasonable and necessary, having regard to the statutory tests.”

He found that the proposal would improve the character of the area and be compatible with the local transport networks. He stated that the Council's enormous demand for financial contributions from the hotel were unnecessary and unjustified. He granted an award of costs against the Council for its unreasonable behaviour during the appeal proceedings.

Planning Consultant Robin Henderson said: *“Whilst we are obviously very pleased that the Inspector agreed with our case, and the Trouville Hotel now has the permission it needs to expand, the appeal should never have been necessary in the first place. Thankfully common sense has prevailed and we can look forward to a fantastic modern hotel development on the doorstep of the BIC and our wonderful beaches.”*