



## **Press Release – December 2011**

### **Medical centre expansion**

KPPC has secured the removal of an onerous planning condition that had been applied to a planning permission for a much-needed extension to a medical centre.

In a further planning application, we were able to employ specialist technical and legal arguments to persuade the Council that the condition, which was geared towards seeking payments potentially of tens of thousands of pounds towards transport infrastructure, was unlawful and must be removed.

We also argued that the terms of the condition were so restrictive that it would prevent the extension from being constructed, and thus prevent the medical centre from being able to meet the needs of its local patients.

Rob Henderson explained: *“The Council had imposed a condition which effectively nullified the benefit of the planning permission – i.e. it was so restrictive that it cancelled out the benefit of the extra space for the medical centre despite the fact that staff are bursting at the seams of the existing building. The Council was obviously wrong to do that, and it is thus appropriate that it has now been removed – albeit reluctantly by the Council. The medical centre can now crack on with the extension that will improve conditions for staff and patients and enable it to respond to any increasing needs for medical care in the future.”*