



**Press Release – November 2011**

**Planning Permission for Language School Extension**

KPPC has secured planning permission for an extension to an established language teaching school.

The school is sensitively located within a Conservation Area. Detailed negotiations with the Council were necessary about the scale and detail of the extension, and also in response to the Council's initial request for a financial contribution from the school towards transportation infrastructure improvements. Associate Planning Consultant Rob Henderson, working with the architect, was able to put forward subtle revisions to the design of the extension in order to satisfy the Council's initial concerns without prejudicing the client's need for additional accommodation at the site, and was able to persuade the Council that no transport infrastructure contribution could be justified in this case.

The Council granted planning permission for the extension to the school which will provide improved teaching and study facilities and enable it to maintain a class-leading standard of education in a viable and attractive form.

Rob Henderson said: *"This case was yet another example of a Council blindly demanding money from property owners and developers without properly considering whether there is a sound basis for doing so. We are pleased that the Council eventually adopted a reasonable position in response to the facts of this case, unlike in so many cases where applicants unknowingly agree to pay thousands of pounds towards unnecessary and unjustified Council projects. It has proved to be very cost effective in this case for our clients to have employed us to fight their corner. The savings we have negotiated significantly outweigh our fees."*