

Appeals and Expert Witness

HLL Humberts Leisure's Planning team has expertise in dealing with all types of planning appeal, including providing expert witness at Planning Inquiries. Some of cases in which we have represented clients are illustrated below.



Wylands International Angling Centre, East Sussex

We co-ordinated the planning appeal and other witnesses and provided our own planning inquiry expert witness to secure outline planning permission for central café and facilities building, 15 fishermen's cabins, new manager's dwelling and workshop at 460 peg competition and leisure angling centre in the Sussex countryside and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



Proposed Holiday Lodge Village, Tavistock

We provided evidence and expert witness on the need for holiday lodges at a proposed holiday village on the edge of Tavistock, close to, but not within, the Dartmoor National Park at a planning inquiry to hear an appeal against the refusal of an application for 50 holiday lodges. The council had argued that their planning policy did not distinguish between different types of caravan and it was therefore necessary to consider the whole of the local caravan market.



Doward Park, Herefordshire

We made a written representations appeal in order to secure permanent consent for a warden's lodge at this existing camping and caravan park. The LPA were not satisfied of the functional need for the home. Our case referenced security, need for customer supervision, lack of available/affordable residential properties close to the site and benefits to the viability of the existing business & the local economy.



Avon Forest Spa and Lodges, South Hampshire

We obtained planning permission for seven holiday lodges in the Green Belt, but with conditions. An appeal was submitted against the imposition of a condition restricting holiday stays to a maximum of 28 days, with no return in 42 days, which limits the use of the lodges for 'weekends away'.



Expert witness on the need for Football Pitches

We undertook a playing pitch assessment to ascertain whether loss of football pitches at a South East London site would leave sufficient playing fields to satisfy the recreational needs of the community. Our assessment had regard to the Sport England Planning Pitch Strategy and the companion guide to PPG17: Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation. We also provided expert witness on the need at the Planning Inquiry.



Tennis Court Need Assessment & Expert Witness

We undertook a playing pitch assessment on whether a change of use of a 3-court tennis club would leave sufficient tennis facilities to satisfy the recreational needs and demands of the community as per PPG17, Sport England and Lawn Tennis Association strategy documents. We subsequently provided expert witness at a Planning Inquiry held to consider an appeal against refusal of the planning application.

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