

Long Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith

Client: High Peak Borough Council

Project: S.78 Appeal

Scale: 210 Residential Dwellings

Services: Planning Expert Witness



"As usual White Peak Planning stepped up to the mark at short notice and drove the Council's case forward with energy and enthusiasm. Their attention to detail is impressive and no stone is left unturned. They are the professionals you want on your side."

Nicola de Bruin, Solicitor
High Peak Borough Council

Acting as expert witness on behalf of High Peak Borough Council (HPBC) for a residential development off Long Lane presented key challenges:

- Standing in for a HPBC Planning Officer;
- HPBC Housing Supply Position; and
- Site Location within Chapel Neighbourhood Plan.

Being instructed for the appeal after the decision notice had been issued required diligent and efficient consideration of issues with the application. Reviewing the position to establish the best strategy and identifying areas where the proposal was not sustainable was crucial to the defence.

Based on previous experience it was going to be integral to the appeal as to whether HPBC could identify five year housing land supply. We reviewed the baseline position and assessed this in the context of Chapel-en-le-Frith. Our assessment established that the Council did have a 5yrls and we defended that position during the hearing.

Providing information to support our critique of the appeal site's location and accessibility required detailed work and multiple site visits. We provided the strategy and supporting information to Counsel enabling them to mount the strongest case against the proposal.

The strong position established, resolute response to challenges and identification of a range of issues with the application ensured the appeal was decided in favour of HPBC.



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