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## **Judge Grants Permission for Full Judicial Review Hearing**

Dear Supporter,

Our battle to get justice over the Hesmond's Planning Application has gone on for a long time, cost a lot of money and suffered a significant set-back in November when a Judge did not grant permission for the case to proceed. However, we applied for an Oral Hearing to appeal that decision.

The Oral Hearing took place this morning and our Barrister Jenny Wigley QC argued our case clearly and strongly. The case was based on 2 Grounds - A failure to consider the housing mix for the proposed development and misleading the Planning Committee over their ability to restrict the number of houses at Reserve Matters. The Judge agreed and dismissed the arguments of the legal teams representing Wealden District Council and Hesmond's Stud. We now have permission for a full Judicial Review Hearing on both our Grounds. This is a really significant moment and, although the official wording of the decision is yet to be published, it was joyous to hear a Judge summarise our case as having a very strong basis to take forward.

We expect to be given a Full Hearing date sometime in the Summer and feel confident that our case will again prevail. This will be the final stage of the process.

Once the full decision has been published we will let you know the plan of action. Until then, enjoy this bit of excellent news and we thank you all for your support along the way.

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