



JR Status (10th July 2018)

For those following the legal action – Judicial Review – taken out by David Cairns on behalf of RSRP members you will already know that the JR process has reached its due date in Court.

As indicated in earlier bulletins we are limited in the detail we can openly discuss while the case proceeds. This morning the case began, with RSRP knowing an early test would be if the case was rejected at the application stage. In short the day started with some procedural matters and by the end of the afternoon the full case arguments of RSRP had been heard, with the majority of the Defendant's response being covered.

Tomorrow morning the Hearing resumes in Court 18 of the Royal Courts of Justice with the balance of the Defendant's arguments to be heard, followed by the remaining legal representations from the Interested Parties (HCC and Secretary of State for Education as applicants). It is anticipated that after the formal response from our barrister, all evidence will have been put to the Court by early afternoon tomorrow, and the matter will then be for the Judge to consider.

At this stage we are not aware of any specific timetable for a verdict, but we would anticipate this will be made available no later than 31st July 2018, the last date of the Court's term (for routine cases) before the summer recess.

In short the full case is progressing towards its scheduled completion. A further update will be provided shortly.

Funding the Judicial Review - Update

As indicated previously the addition of interested parties, who attended day one with substantial legal and in-house resources, and the granting of an expedited rolled-up hearing has meant higher and more concentrated legal costs.

An appeal has been launched on crowdjustice.com with the aim of helping meet these additional costs. Contributions continue to steadily arrive and today topped £5,000 since the launch a little over 2 weeks ago. RSRP's other fundraising routes remain available. Our thanks go to those who are helping us this way. You can view progress at

<https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/save-batford-farm-fields/>

RSRP has sought to address the ill treatment of residents by the Council and believe today's events are an important step in the campaign hold the Council to account for their actions. Help us to continue this process and help focus the Council on delivering the best service to all its residents, be they seeking the right services in the right places or contesting irrational actions that directly affect them. Support this and our subsequent challenges to deliver accountability.