

Update 12 May 2024

Planning consent quashed!

Fylde Council's attempt to build a licensed café on the coastline at Granny's Bay has been halted. After several years of supporting this development without gaining any planning permission, our council eventually granted itself planning consent in March this year.

In the wake of a judicial review instigated by Lytham Voice, the Civic Society and many residents, the council has accepted that in approving the planning application it disregarded National Planning Policy.

As a result the planning consent has been quashed. We would like confirmation from our council that they will not persist with their attempts to build on this open space.

This land has never been built upon and was granted to the council as public recreational open space. In proposing this café the council were also going against their own environmental policies in the Local Plan. Responsible organisations such as the National Trust make great efforts to prevent this sort of development, especially in such sensitive wildlife areas as this.

If planning consent could so easily be granted for Granny's Bay it puts Lytham Green and the rest of our unique coast at considerable risk, perhaps more than ever before. We are working together to protect our greatest assets - open space and freedom to roam. Our coastline is not a development site.