

**Croyde residents prepare, once again, to fight  
unlawful planning permission and save Croyde Bay  
as Parkdean appeals High Court decision.**

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Croyde Area Residents Association (CARA) must once again prepare to take on Parkdean, the owners of Ruda Holiday Park in Croyde Bay, who have been granted leave to appeal the judgment.

This judgment given at the High Court by Mrs Justice Lieven on 19 March quashed a harmful planning decision which unlawfully granted permission to expand the Holiday Park into green fields in the AONB, by mistake.

No environmental or landscape impacts were considered and no conditions relevant to these were imposed. There was no limit on the number of static caravans that could be placed on the green areas in question. It was a planning permission that Parkdean did not apply for and did not expect.

The unlawful planning decision permits expansion into green areas of the North Devon Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Croyde Bay and affects a Marine Conservation Area, a Site of Special Scientific Interest and the buffer zone of the North Devon UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

CARA believes Judge Lieven's decision (from 19 March) is the right outcome, not only for the AONB; the community; and the sensitive environments CARA has been fighting to protect, but also for public confidence in the planning system. An unlawful planning mistake should not dictate the future of an AONB and protected environments.

CARA will be mounting a robust defence of the High Court decision and is restarting its campaign to help fund this legal action. Donations towards the campaign can be made

at CARA's crowdfunding page - <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/save-north-devon-coast-aonb/>

The redlines on the attached aerial shot of Croyde Bay follows the plan of "Ruda Holiday Park" that Parkdean submitted with the planning application and illustrates the extent of the land (some of which they do not own) that may be developed under the unlawful planning permission.



The plan Parkdean submitted with its planning application showing an incorrect area of the Holiday Park can be viewed on the North Devon Planning Portal using Planning Application Reference 56528. <https://planning.northdevon.gov.uk/Planning/Display/56528>.

Also attached is a photograph of Ruda Holiday Park taken from Saunton Down with a redline illustrating the plan of "Ruda Holiday Park" on the landscape.



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