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**Temporary consent for football use quashed**

The High Court has quashed Brighton and Hove City Council's decision to grant temporary permission for the use of Withdean Stadium in Sussex by Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club, concluding that the full implications of the scheme have not been fully assessed.

The club had been using the stadium under a series of temporary permissions as a short-term measure while it sought permission for a permanent home. A local resident claimed that the continued renewal was unreasonable, especially as the council had also allowed a stand for 2,000 spectators that would overshadow his home.

Mr Justice Elias, noting that the council had submitted to judgement and accepted that its decision should be quashed, agreed that a full assessment of the environmental effects of allowing the club to remain and expand the stadium at Withdean should be carried out.

**Catt v Brighton and Hove City Council; Date:** 8 February 2005; **Ref:** CO/153/2005.