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## **Outraged UK Pensioners fight on as Barnet & Portsmouth Councils appeal Judges' decision to save Wardens**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January Barnet Council, led by Lynne Hillan, was granted leave to appeal Judge Milwyn Jarman QC ruling to quash the Councils decision to remove Resident Sheltered Housing Wardens.

Portsmouth City Council, lead by Gerald Vernon-Jackson, was also given leave to appeal on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Both cases will be heard at the beginning of February in the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand, London.

“This is an absolute disgrace” said David Young the chairman of the UK Pensioners Strategy Committee. “Once again these councils are targeting pensioners and the disabled to save relatively small amounts of money. We will not stand for it. We will fight them in the Courts, and with our votes at the ballot box.”

Resident Sheltered Housing Wardens support elderly tenants to remain independent, and to live with dignity in their sheltered homes. Being in the building means the Wardens can respond to emergencies much faster than the mobile Wardens. This rapid response could save the lives of tenants who are having a stroke, or those about to go into a diabetic coma.

“Think what you will win you politicians and able-bodied supporters. The suffering and death of those weaker than you. We call on all righteous people in our country to protect us and say, with us,

**No Warden, No Vote!”**

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