



Fighting on: Jeremy Rodell from Risc fought for a cap on legal costs

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Schools' review case taken to High Court

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The judicial review of the Catholic schools decision will be heard at the High Court in November.

Both sides have seen their potential claim for costs capped, so Richmond Council will have to spend taxpayers' money to contest the appeal.

The High Court has set aside November 15 and 16 to review Richmond Council's decision to go ahead with the Catholic schools

at Clifden Road.

The court has also agreed to an application from Richmond Inclusive Schools Campaign (Risc) and its co-claimants, the British Humanist Association (BHA), to put a cap on the legal costs that either side could claim from the other.

Richmond Council expressed its disappointment the judicial review was going ahead and leader of the council Lord True had vowed to get back as much of its legal costs from BHA and Risc.

Lord True previously said: "The council will defend our decision

against legal action confidently and vigorously, seeking to recoup any costs.

"We will now be working with our lawyers to contest the claims being made."

In May the council's cabinet agreed the Clifden Road site should be used for new a Catholic primary and secondary school.

Following this decision BHA and Risc applied for a judicial review to look into whether the council acted lawfully when it considered and approved the Diocese of Westminster's proposals.