

News heralded by Island Council's governing team



In news that was extremely well-received by the governing team of the Formentera Council, the Third Contentious Administrative Court of Palma de Mallorca threw out the appeal brought by promoters of the Es Ca Marí campsite, Formentera Club, against the Formentera Island Council and the Autonomous Community of the Balearic Islands.

The appeal was rejected on the grounds that the statute of limitations had elapsed for building permit nº 119/1987, granted by the Formentera Town Council (previously, 'Ajuntament de Formentera') in 1992. This represents a final and definitive ruling for the case of the Es Ca Marí campsite construction, ruling out completion of the project under any circumstance.

In addition to the legal basis for the ruling, expressed therein, the affected offices of the public administration contended that it was impossible to grant the licence to “readapt the Es Ca Marí camping project” citing as justification the fact that the newly proposed project was different than the one originally approved in 1992.

Formentera Club brought the case to the courts at the start of 2009. It took issue with the outcome of a November 2008 plenary session of the Formentera Council which rendered void the previously-issued construction licence for the 300 bungalow project.

The Es Ca Marí campsite project dates back to 1987, at which time it was met with the rejection of political parties, citizens' groups, local and regional institutions and Formentera residents. At that time the movement to impede such a project resulted in the decision to bar several then politicians from assuming public office.

The government team of the Formentera Council is extremely satisfied with the final outcome of the case, a victory for Formentera and for its residing population.