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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION  
(CROWN OFFICE LIST)

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Royal Courts of Justice  
Strand  
London WC2

Thursday, 5th August 1999

B e f o r e :

MR ROBIN PURCHAS QC  
(Sitting as a Deputy Judge of the Queen's Bench Division)

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DOUGLAS JOHN MERRITT

-v-

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT,  
TRANSPORT AND THE REGIONS

and

MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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The Applicant appeared in person and was assisted by his  
McKenzie Friend, Mr Morland.

MR M BEDFORD (instructed by The Treasury Solicitor) appeared on  
behalf of the First Respondent.

The Second Respondent did not appear and was not represented.

J U D G M E N T  
(As approved by the Court)  
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