

REPORT TO:

Planning Committee November 2022

LEAD OFFICER:

Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development

Compliance Report

Executive Summary

1. On 1st December 2022 there were 165 open cases in South Cambridgeshire, compared with 139 cases two months beforehand.
2. Details of all compliance investigations are sent electronically to members on a weekly basis identifying opened and closed cases in their respective areas along with case reference numbers, location, case officer and nature of problem reported.
3. Statistical data including October 2022 and November 2022 is contained in Appendices 1 and 2 to this report.

Updates to Service Delivery

The Planning Compliance Team is part of the Development Management service of the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service and I have attached below an organisational chart of the team for your information.

Toby Williams
Interim Development Manager (East Team) and Planning Compliance

Vacancy
Principal Planning Compliance Lead Officer

John Shuttlewood
Principal Planning Compliance Officer (2 days a week)
Alistair Funge
Senior Planning Compliance Officer

Nick Smith
Senior Planning Compliance Officer

Tony Wallis
Senior Planning Compliance Officer

Neil Langley (3 days a week)
Senior Planning Compliance Officer

Rachel Arnall
Senior Planning Compliance Officer

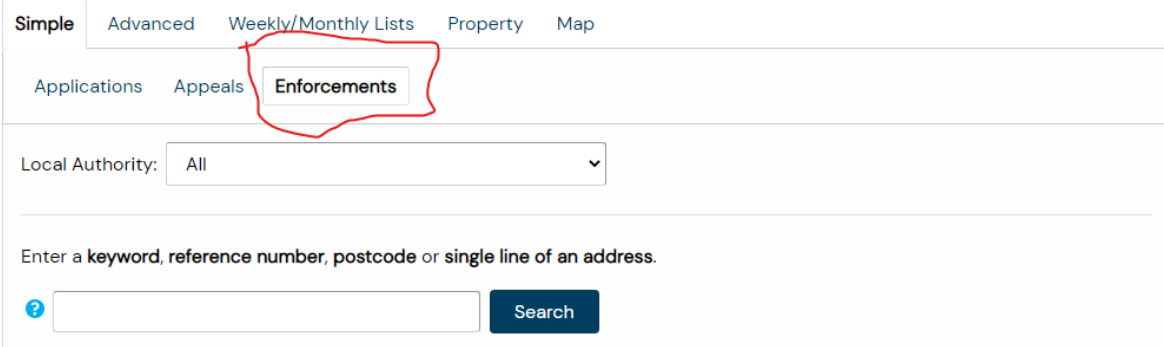
Alleged breaches of planning control continue to be reported online, alongside the introduction of online information being provided to residents and businesses as to what constitutes a breach of planning control. Statistics are being collected by the Transformation Team to assess the impact this new way of working is offering.

This month has seen the launch of the public online digital planning enforcement register. This brings the two Council's registers together, showing notices that go back to 1990. Copies of the notices are also published, where available.

Hopefully this will start to reduce the copies of notice requests, as well as FOIs. So when a relevant notice is served it will automatically appear on the Register, including the site polygon on the mapping system and a copy of the Notice.

Planning – Simple Search

Search for Planning Applications, Appeals and Tree Works Applications by keyword, application reference (e.g. 11/0945/FUL or S/4480/17/OL), postcode or by a single line of an address.



The screenshot shows a web interface for searching planning records. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Simple' (selected), 'Advanced', 'Weekly/Monthly Lists', 'Property', and 'Map'. Below these are three sub-tabs: 'Applications', 'Appeals', and 'Enforcements', with the 'Enforcements' tab highlighted by a red hand-drawn circle. Underneath the sub-tabs is a dropdown menu for 'Local Authority:' set to 'All'. Below that is a text input field with the placeholder text 'Enter a keyword, reference number, postcode or single line of an address.' and a blue 'Search' button to its right.

Finally, the draft Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Compliance Policy will be open to consultation across the next two months. Details will be placed online.

Updates on significant cases

Should Members wish for specific updates to be added to the Compliance Report then please request these from the Principal Planning Compliance Officer and they will be added to the next available Planning Committee.

Updates are as follows:

Smithy Fen, Cottenham, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB24 8PT

A report is being presented to Planning Committee this month.

Background Papers

Planning Enforcement Register.

Statistical Analysis of Uniform Planning Enforcement Software Program.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Compliance Cases Received and Closed.

Appendix 2: Notices Served.

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