

REPORT TO:

Planning Committee April 2023

LEAD OFFICER:

Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development

Compliance Report

Executive Summary

1. On 1st March 2023 there were 143 open cases in South Cambridgeshire, compared with 139 cases compared to the month 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 is contained in Appendices 1 and 2 to this report.
4. Data relates to the end of February statistical information as march information was not available in full at the time of the report. March information will be available in the next Committee Report along with the Q1 2023 statistical data.

Updates to Service Delivery

The Planning Compliance Team is part of the Development Management service of the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service.

The service has advertised the post of Planning Compliance Officer or Senior Planning Compliance Officer and the closure date for applications is 30 March 2023. An update on recruitment and staffing will be available in the next Committee report.

Alleged breaches of planning control continue to be reported online using the e-form, in conjunction the dedicated Planning Compliance webpage. The team continues to work towards the provision of a point of communication online using another webform for contact with the compliance service when the communication does not relate to a new compliance complaint.

Since 1 December 2022 The compliance team have received 168 enforcement referrals, 103 of those were made by e-form.

Since 1 December 2022 the Compliance team have closed 80 cases, 35 of the cases closed have been e-form referral cases

The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Compliance Policy consultation has now been adopted, information and details of the policy are now being cascaded to Parish Councils, Residents Associations, strategic partners and stakeholders, as well as the public through communications in publications and social media.

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 Manager and they will be added to the next available Planning Committee. Alternatively, if you wish to speak about a specific case or specific cases, please feel free to contact the Principal Planning Compliance Manager.

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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