



REPORT TO: Planning Committee
LEAD OFFICER: Planning and New Communities Director

7 May 2014

Enforcement Report

Purpose

- To inform Members about planning enforcement cases, as at 22 April 2014 Summaries of recent enforcement notices are also reported, for information.

Enforcement Cases Received and Closed

Period	Cases Received	Cases Closed
1 st Qtr. (Jan – March) 2014	118	99
2 nd Qtr. (April – June) 2014	*	*
3 rd Qtr. (July – Sept) 2014	*	*
4 th Qtr. (Oct – Dec) 2014	*	*
January 2014	42	29
February 2014	33	23
March 2014	43	47
2014 YTD	118	99
1st Qtr. (Jan – March) 2013	109	133
2nd Qtr. (April – June) 2013	147	157
3rd Qtr. (July – Sept) 2013	145	155
4 th Qtr. (Oct – Dec) 2012	110	127
2013 YTD	511	572

Enforcement Cases on hand:

3. Target 150
4. Actual 87

Notices Served

5.

Type of Notice	Period	Year to date
	March 2014	2014
Enforcement	2	7
Stop Notice	0	0
Temporary Stop Notice	0	0
Breach of Condition	0	0
S215 – Amenity Notice	0	1
Planning Contravention Notice	2	2
Injunctions	0	0
High Hedge Remedial Notice	0	0

Notices issued since the last Committee Report

6.

Ref. no.	Village	Address	Notice issued
PLAENF.784	Cottenham	The Maltings Mill Field	Enforcement
PLAENF. 1110	Wimpole	146 Cambridge Road	Enforcement

7. Details of all enforcement 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.
8. Full details of enforcement cases can be found on the Councils Web-site

Updates on items that are of particular note

9. Updates are as follows:
 - a. **Stapleford: Breach of Enforcement Notice on land adjacent to Hill Trees, Babraham Road.**
Work still in progress regarding legal action relating to the current breach of enforcement. Additional concern noted since the March report regarding the stationing of a mobile home on the nursery land section and the importation of

brick rubble to form a track to link the upper field to the main residence. Assessment to the Planning Contravention response and the site inspection 10th May 2013 has confirmed the breach of planning control relating to the engineering operation to the new track, and breaches relating to the planning enforcement notices. A report to the planning committee was prepared and submitted. The Committee authorised officers to apply to the Court for an Injunction under Section 187B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Members agreed the reasons for the application as being the desire to protect and enhance the character and amenity of the immediate countryside and the setting of Cambridge, Stapleford and Great Shelford in view of the site's prominent location, and the need to address highway safety issues arising from access to the site directly from the A1307

The Injunction statement has now been considered by Counsel with further information being requested in order that the Injunction application can be submitted. Information is currently being collated in order to prepare a further report to submit to the Planning Committee.

Report prepared and forms part of the May Planning Committee Agenda

b. Q8, Foxton

Planning application in preparation - No further update available at this time

c. 1-6 Pine Lane – Smithy Fen

Previously the subject of a planning consent resulting from an appeal decision 14th October 2003 under reference APP/W0530/C/03/1113679 The planning permission is no longer valid as the owners have failed to comply with their planning permission relating to conditions. Additionally a further permission granted at appeal for plots 4 & 5 Pine Lane 30th August 2012 under reference APP/W0530/A/12/2170121 has also lapsed due to planning conditions contained in the appeal decision not being complied with/met. A planning application for plots 4/5 has been submitted but not validated. An application for the remaining plots in Pine Lane, 1, 2, 3 & 6 is in the process of being submitted.

Valid planning applications relating to plots 1-6 inclusive have not been received as requested therefore a file has been submitted to legal requesting the issue of a planning enforcement notice. Notices have now been issued and are effective from 21st March 2014

Planning enforcement notice issued relating to plots 1 to 5 inclusive. Plot no6 is currently empty and not in breach of planning control. Planning application covering plots 1 to 5 inclusive subsequently submitted and validated. Planning Reference no S/0638/14 refers

d. Portelet High Street, Croydon

Complaint received regarding a statutory noise nuisance following a change of use at the property to a dog breeding business. Investigations so far have revealed that there is a change of use at Portelet but a statutory noise nuisance has not been substantiated. Retrospective planning application for the change of use has been submitted –

Planning application now validated reference number S/2529/13/FL
Determination date 5th May 2014. Officer recommendation differs to that of the local Parish Council, application now referred to Planning Committee

e. Buckingway Business Park, Swavesey

Complaint received regarding the stationing of buses belonging to Sun Fun Travel on land adjacent to the business park without the benefit of planning. Retrospective planning application submitted – Outstanding items submitted, application now validated - Case officer progressing.

f. Co-Op School lane Cambourne

Unauthorised sign removed, no further action required, remove from active listing.

g. Land North West of Cambridge Road, Wimpole

Without planning permission, the change of use of the affected land for the stationing and residential occupation of a mobile home

Planning application submitted and validated. Planning enforcement notice issued, effective 30th April 2014 unless an appeal is made against it beforehand.

Summary

10. As previously reported Year to date 2013 revealed that the overall number of cases investigated by the team totalled 511 cases which was an 11.8% increase when compared to the same period in 2012. January, February and March 2014 has continued the trend and shows overall that there was an 8.25% increase in new cases when compared to the same period in 2013
11. In addition to the above work officers are also involved in the Tasking and Coordination group which deals with cases that affect more than one department within the organisation, including Environment Health, Planning, Housing, Anti-Social behaviour Officers, Vulnerable Adults and Safeguarding Children Teams.

Effect on Strategic Aims

12. This report is helping the Council to deliver an effective enforcement service for Members, Parishes and members of the Public including businesses

Aim 1 - We will listen to and engage with residents, parishes and businesses to ensure we deliver first class services and value for money

Aim 3 - We will make sure that South Cambridgeshire continues to offer an outstanding quality of life for our residents

Background Papers:

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: None

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