

REPORT TO:

Planning Committee March 2023

LEAD OFFICER:

Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development

Compliance Report

Executive Summary

1. On 1st February 2023 there were 139 open cases in South Cambridgeshire, compared with 154 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.

Updates to Service Delivery

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

The service is advertising and recruiting for the shortly to be vacant post of Planning Compliance Officer or Senior Planning Compliance Officer depending on the experience of any candidates that apply for the role. The current post holder is a contractor who's temporary contract expires on 31 March.

Alleged breaches of planning control continue to be reported online using the e-form, in conjunction the dedicated Planning Compliance webpage. Information being made available to residents and businesses as to what constitutes a breach of planning control. The Compliance Team email address has not yet been turned as there is a requirement to provide 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.

The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Compliance Policy consultation has now concluded. In total there were 7 consultee responses relating to the new policy, some concerns were raised about the wording of sections the policy and what certain phrases mean. These concerns have ben addressed in the final policy report to the Planning and Transport Scrutiny meeting which takes place on Tuesday, 21st March 2023. Further updates on the Compliance Policy will follow in the next report to Planning Committee.

The Planning Compliance Team would like to thank John Shuttlewood for all his hard work in the team and wish him well in his move to his Principle Planning Officer role.

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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