

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Planning Committee

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CURRENT ENFORCEMENT ACTION CASES

1. Purpose

To update Members about current enforcement action cases as at 19 December 2011.

Ref No	Village	Location	See Page No for full update	Remarks
18/98	Cottenham	Setchel Drove	1 – 4	Plots 7, 7A and Four Winds being monitored.
34/98	Milton	Camside Farm Chesterton Fen Road	4 – 10	<p>Defendants appeared before Cambridge Magistrates Court on 15th May 2007. Each given a conditional discharge for 18 months with £200 costs. Planning permission S/1653/07/F approved 12th August 2008 Letter received from defendants Solicitors regarding current circumstances – File submitted to Legal for opinion. Defendant's circumstances remain unchanged. Legal Officer informed.</p> <p>Defendants indicate their intention to move to the site at Southgate Farm, Chesterton Fen Road by July 2011. Waiting delivery of replacement mobile home.</p> <p>Unauthorised mobile homes now removed from site. Remove from active list</p>

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19/03	Histon	Land adjacent to Moor Drove Cottenham Road	11 - 14	Application for injunction refused by the High Court, 5 th June 2008 Planning Appeal allowed, planning conditions to be monitored. All schemes required as part of the planning conditions have been submitted within timescale. The planning officer has requested further information in order that the schemes relating to conditions can be discharged.
9/04	Swavesey	Land adjacent to Cow Fen Drove	14 - 17	Monitoring visits have confirmed that the one of the defendants is still residing on site and is therefore in breach of the Injunction Order High Court date 22 nd June 2011 Defendant Steven Cuff found guilty of contempt by the Court and was sentenced to 90 days imprisonment. Monitoring continues

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13/05	Cottenham	Plots 5, 5a, 6, 10 & 11 Orchard Drive	18 – 21	<p>Planning Appeal dismissed. Further report to be considered by Planning Sub Committee.</p> <p>No change - Needs Audits to be carried out</p> <p>The Planning Enforcement Sub-Committee considered a report relating to Plots 12 Victoria View, 15 Water Lane, and 5, 5A, 6, 10 and 11 Orchard Drive, all at Smithy Fen, Cottenham, as they remain either in active residential occupation or developed for residential occupation in breach of planning control, following the Sub-Committee's resolution on 21 July 2010 to enforce against continuing breaches.</p> <p>Planning Enforcement Sub-Committee resolved that SCDC make an application to the High Court for Injunctive relief under section 187B of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 to remedy and restrain continuing breaches of development control, against those adults identified as being either an owner and /or an occupier of plots 5,5A, 6, 10, 11 Orchard Drive and 15 Water Lane, and against persons unknown in respect of those plots, upon the completion of updated needs audits, and provided these do not indicate any change in personal circumstances requiring further consideration by the sub-committee. Travellers Liaison Officer unable to obtain details relating to personal circumstances requiring consideration by the Sub Committee.</p> <p>Further Needs Assessments carried out - Formal proceedings continue.</p>

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4/06	Cottenham	Plot 15 Water Lane Smithy Fen	21 - 25	<p>Appeal dismissed on 29th January 2007. File submitted for an application for an injunction. Report to be considered by Planning Sub Committee No change - Needs Audits to be carried out</p> <p>Planning Enforcement Sub-Committee resolved that SCDC make an application to the High Court for Injunctive relief under section 187B of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 to remedy and restrain continuing breaches of development control, against those adults identified as being either an owner and /or an occupier of plots 5,5A, 6, 10, 11 Orchard Drive and 15 Water Lane, and against persons unknown in respect of those plots, upon the completion of updated needs audits, and provided these do not indicate any change in personal circumstances requiring further consideration by the sub-committee. Travellers Liaison Officer unable to obtain details relating to personal circumstances requiring consideration by the Sub Committee. Further Needs Assessment carried out - Formal proceedings continue.</p>
8/06	Melbourn	1 London Way Clunchpits	25 - 27	<p>Appeal allowed in part and dismissed in part. Partial compliance. Landscaping scheme now approved. Highways & Environmental Health issues reviewed on site. Findings to be published shortly. No Change – Matter to be referred back to Planning Officer Institute Occupational Management to undertake a further risk assessment on the right of way / asbestos issue Multi Agency meeting to be arranged to agree way forward. Meeting held, further information required.</p>

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7/07	Barton	The Drift Cambridge Road	27 - 29	<p>Appeal dismissed on the 1st April 2008. Compliance date 1st October 2008 Partial compliance. Discussions continue.</p> <p>Matter referred to delegation to consider next steps</p>
16/07	Willingham	38 Silver Street	29 - 30	<p>Enforcement Notice issued 28th September 2007 for unauthorised work on Listed building. At Cambridge Magistrates Court on 10th January 2008 the owner was fined £10,000 for unauthorised works. A Listed building application S/0192/08/LB, approved 19th March 2008 complies with first part of the Enforcement Notice. Site is being monitored for compliance. Owner interviewed regarding failure to instigate remedial works. Timetable agreed.</p> <p>Works commenced</p> <p>Majority of work now complete although minor finishes to be completed. House still unoccupied.</p> <p>Waiting for further instruction from Conservation team</p>
5/08	Milton	27/28 Newfield's Fen Road Chesterton	31 - 32	<p>Enforcement Notice appealed. Hearing date to be confirmed. Fresh application submitted. Appeal dismissed 6th May 2009, four months compliance period. Further planning application received and registered. Application S/1170/09 approved 24th November 2009, Conditions to be monitored. Further planning application submitted – Ref: S/0246/10/F. Planning permission refused. File submitted to Legal. Further information requested, file resubmitted.</p>

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6/08	Milton	6 Sunningdale Fen Road Chesterton	33 - 34	<p>Enforcement Notice appealed. Inquiry date 10th February 2009</p> <p>Appeal allowed on ground (a) Conditional planning permission granted.</p> <p>Compliance period six months i.e. by 18th August 2009. Planning application received and registered.</p> <p>Application S/1154/09 approved 5th October 2009 – Conditions to be monitored.</p> <p>Original building not removed as per condition – File to be submitted to Legal</p> <p>Further information received from the owner, awaiting further instruction from planning officer.</p>
12/08	Histon	Plot 4 Moor Drove	34 - 35	<p>Prosecution file submitted to Legal regarding failure to comply with a “Temporary Stop Notice” Enforcement Notice Issued.</p> <p>Retrospective planning application submitted.</p> <p>Approved at Committee 10th June 2009</p> <p>Conditions to be monitored</p>

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13/08	Melbourn	49 High Street	36 - 37	<p>Enforcement Notice issued. Prosecution file submitted to Legal for failing to comply with the Enforcement Notice. Defendants found guilty at Cambridge Magistrates Court. Enforcement Notice still not complied with. Further prosecution file submitted Hearing date set for 9th July 2009. Male Defendant ejected from court, case adjourned until 23rd July 2009. Both Defendants found guilty at Cambridge Magistrates Court, and fined £1000 each with costs totalling £520</p> <p>Enforcement Notice not complied with, Prosecution file submitted, Hearing date set for 17th December 2009</p> <p>Both defendants found guilty at Cambridge Magistrates Court and fined £2195 each including costs of £180 each and £15 each victim surcharge. Enforcement Notice still not complied with. File submitted to Legal to instigate formal action.</p> <p>Retrospective planning application submitted. Application refused.</p> <p>Negotiations continue to ensure compliance with the outstanding enforcement notice.</p>
01/09	Great Abington	82 High Street	37 - 38	<p>Listed Building Enforcement Notice no 3342 issued 6th January 2009 for unauthorised works on a Listed building. Compliance period 3 months. Appeal submitted out of time – Prosecution file to be submitted to Legal. Discussions continue to resolve. Listed Building Enforcement Notice complied with in part – Negotiations continue.</p> <p>Planning Appeal dismissed 26th May 2010.</p> <p>Negotiations continue – Owners currently living abroad. Remedial works commenced, completion due November 2011</p> <p>Majority of works now complete, Further inspection to be carried out by Conservation team.</p>

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07/09	Sawston	163 High Street	38 - 39	<p>Listed Building Enforcement Notice issued for dismantling and removal works without authorisation Appealed – Hearing date 5th January 2010.</p> <p>Appeal withdrawn.</p> <p>Formal discussions with Conservation Team as to next steps.</p>
16/09	Milton	The Barn, Chesterton Fen Road,	39 - 40	<p>Enforcement Notice issued in respect of breaches of control – Compliance period four months i.e. by 6th February 2010. Appealed – Inquiry 13th & 14th April 2010 Inquiry date moved to 18th & 19th May 2010. Appeal dismissed – Compliance period 9 months i.e. February 2011. Compliance still outstanding. File to be submitted to Legal. Enforcement Notice Complied with. Remove from active list.</p>
01/10	Histon	Land at Moor Drove	40 - 41	<p>Enforcement Notice issued – Compliance period to cease the unauthorised use two months i.e. by 15th April 2010 – Appeal submitted</p> <p>6th December 2010 appeal dismissed, compliance period 6th February 2011</p> <p>Further report received that the HGV vehicle previously identified, is continuing to breach the planning enforcement notice. Breach confirmed and formal copy of the appeal decision notice and warning issued to the vehicle operator. Monitoring continues. Enforcement Notice now complied with – Monitoring to continue.</p>

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02/10	Stapleford	Hill Trees Babraham Road	41 - 42	<p>Enforcement Notice issued – Compliance period to cease the use of the land for motor vehicle sales and repairs one month i.e. by 15th April 2010 Appeal submitted.</p> <p>Public Enquiry date 12th October 2010</p> <p>Appeal dismissed 4th November 2011 partial costs awarded. Application to appeal against the Inspectors decision has been made Appeal registered – Court Hearing Date confirmed as 18th October 2011. Application to appeal dismissed. Further site inspection carried out 2nd December 2011 although notice complied with further issues were highlighted relating to the storage of motor vehicles and amenity /waste deposited on the land. Legal file to be prepared.</p>
13/10	Whaddon	North Road Farm Ermine Way	42 - 43	<p>Listed Building Enforcement Notice issued – Compliance period one calendar month, i.e. by 22nd April 2010</p> <p>Appeal submitted 4th March 2010.</p> <p>Appeal dismissed – New planning application (S/0292/10/LB) refused, further appeal lodged.</p> <p>Enforcement Notice withdrawn – Planning and Conservation Officers currently in negotiation with Owner</p>
19/10	Stow-Cum-Quy	Park Farmhouse Station Road	43	<p>Listed Building Enforcement Notice issued – Compliance period to remove the unauthorised gates three months i.e. by 8 August 2010.</p> <p>Notice Appealed.</p> <p>Listed Building Enforcement Notice withdrawn and reissued – See case 24/10</p>

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23/10	Meldreth	Field Gate Nurseries 32 Station Road	43 - 44	<p>Enforcement Notice issued – Compliance period to dismantle or demolish the structure of the extension and remove all resulting materials, rubble and /or spoil from the site, one month i.e. 12th August 2010</p> <p>Application submitted – Planning permission granted subject to conditions. Compliance to be monitored.</p>
24/10	Stow-Cum-Quy	Park Farm Station Road	44 - 45	<p>Enforcement notice issued – Compliance period to remove unauthorised gates, one month i.e. by 6th September 2010 Appeal submitted</p> <p>1st December 2010 appeal dismissed – Time period to comply extended to 12 months – Revised scheme to be submitted and agreed by SCDC. Revised scheme agreed further application to be submitted.</p>
28/10	Odsey	Odsey Grange Baldock Road	45	<p>Enforcement Notice issued – Compliance period to remove the unauthorised garage, three calendar months i.e. by 21st April 2011</p> <p>Appeal submitted</p> <p>Appeal dismissed – Compliance period 3 months i.e. by 9th September 2011 Re-Inspection appointment set 28th September 2011. Further application submitted S/1942/11 – Negotiations continue.</p>
1/11	Hardwick	The Blue Lion 74 Main Street	45	<p>Enforcement Notice Issued. Compliance period to remove unauthorised decking structure - One month i.e. by 30th September 2011.</p> <p>Appeal submitted</p>

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3/11	Meldreth	Land to the South West side of Whaddon Road	46	<p>Enforcement Notice Issued. Compliance period to remove the three unauthorised storage container structures from the affected land and restore the affected land to its former condition as land in agricultural use - One month i.e. by 21st October 2011.</p> <p>Application S/1881/11 submitted. Temporary consent for 3 years granted. Remove from active list.</p>
4/11	Landbeach	Overbrook Farm Green End	46	<p>Enforcement Notice Issued. Compliance period to cease residential occupation of the three static caravans and then remove the same from the affected land, followed by restoration of the affected land to its former condition as land in agricultural use – Three months i.e. by 19th December 2011.</p> <p>Appeal submitted</p>
6/11	Little Wilbraham	The Scholars Junction of Rectory Farm Road & Great Wilbraham Road	46 - 47	<p>Enforcement Notice issued. Owners required to a) Complete remedial works to ensure that no part of the boundary treatment (including piers or other features) exceeds 1 metre in height. b) remove the brick outbuilding and c) remove all scrap or surplus material resulting from compliance with parts a) and b) Compliance period three months. Appeal submitted – 18th December 2011</p>

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7/11	Little Wilbraham	The Scholars Junction of Rectory Farm Road & Great Wilbraham Road	47	<p>Enforcement Notice issued. Owners required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Remove the stainless steel extraction flue together with all associated exterior brackets and supports. b) Remove the air-conditioning units and all associated exterior cabling and pipe work and c) Remove the unauthorised raised lantern type roof-light structure and replace with a flat profiled roof-light to accord with the details shown in plan 2001-003 revision B, as approved under planning consent S/0797/10/F <p>Compliance period three months.</p> <p>Appeal submitted – 18th December 2011</p>
8/11	Arrington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Leo Autopoint Petrol Filling Station, 11 Ermine Way b) Former Telephone Exchange, Ermine Way 	48	<p>Enforcement Notice issued. Steps to be taken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cease the use of Area's A and B for commercial purpose consisting of the repairing, servicing, valeting and sale of motor vehicles. b) Remove all motor vehicles from the affected land that are present in connection with the unauthorised commercial use. <p>Compliance period three months – 2nd April 2012</p>

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- Enforcement Action Progress Report as at 19th December 2011 (attached to the electronic version of the agenda on the Council's website)

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