

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Planning Committee

7 November 2012

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ENFORCEMENT REPORT

1. To inform Members about planning enforcement cases, as at 26 October 2012. Summaries of recent enforcement notices are also reported, for information.

2. **Enforcement Cases Received and Closed**

Period	Cases Received	Cases Closed
September 2012	46	62
Qtr 1 (Jan – March)	127	107
Qtr 2 (April – June)	107	96
Qtr 3 (July – September)	98	148
Total YTD	332	351

3. **Cases on hand:** 124

4. **Notices Served**

Type of Notice	Period	Year to date
	September 2012	2012
Enforcement	1	3
Stop Notice	0	0
Temporary Stop Notice	0	0
Breach of Condition	0	0
S215 – Amenity Notice	2	2
Planning Contravention Notice	1	5
Injunctions	0	1
High Hedge Remedial Notice	0	0

5. **Notices issued since the last Committee Report**

Ref. no.	Village	Address	Notice issued
5/12	Fulbourn	23 School Lane	Amenity
6/12	Sawston	45 Church Lane	Amenity

In addition to the above enforcement data enforcement reports are sent electronically to members identifying opened and closed cases in their respective areas along with case reference numbers, location, case officer and nature of problem reported.

Full details of enforcement cases can be found on the Councils Web-site

6. **Planning Enforcement Sub-Committee updates**

Stapleford: Breach of Enforcement Notice on land adjacent to Hill Trees, Babraham Road.

The direct action approved by the Planning Sub-Committee was challenged in the High Court and leave was granted to apply for a Judicial review (JR) – Upon advice from Counsel the direct action was suspended to avoid a costly legal challenge. A comprehensive file has been compiled relating to the planning and enforcement information to-date and is now to be reviewed by Counsel with a view to take alternative action.

Q8

Senior Lawyer informed Members that the planning application had still not been made.

Moor Drove

Enforcement notice ENF/301/11 issued 13th April 2012 relating to plot 4 Moor Drove, re Storage of scrap materials and stationing of a container – Progress being made re the removal of materials however further inspection carried out on the 29th August 2012 revealed compliance with the enforcement notice still not fully carried out. Matter discussed with Legal - Warning letter issued requesting full compliance by the owner with the enforcement notice. Partial compliance with the notice made - Revised planning application to be submitted to address outstanding matters.

23 Howard Road Meldreth

Section 106 outstanding payments. Matters now resolved papers to be returned to mortgage provider for execution – Once completed this will put in place an agreement for regular staged payments

Whittlesford – Scrapyard

Issues relating to mud on road have been addressed by County Council. Matters' relating to noise are being progressed - Retrospective planning application to be submitted for the weighbridge and separate planning application for the boundary fencing.

7. Summary.

Whilst the number of enforcement cases investigated remains consistent with previous years the numbers of cases on hand are 17% below the expected number of cases per enforcement officer for the period.

In addition to the above work officers are also involved in the current enforcement and inspection review and the Tasking and Coordination group which deals with cases that affect more than one department within the organisation.

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

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