

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Planning Committee

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ENFORCEMENT ACTION UPDATE

Purpose

1. To inform Members about planning enforcement cases, as at 18 April 2013. Summaries of recent enforcement notices are also reported, for information.

Enforcement Cases Received and Closed

Period	Cases Received	Cases Closed
January 2013	33	32
February 2013	35	48
March 2013	40	53
1 st Qtr. 2013	108	133
2013 YTD	68	80
Q 1 (Jan – March) 2012	127	107
Q 2 (April – June) 2012	107	96
Q 3 (July – September) 2012	98	148
Q4 (October – December) 2012	125	110
2012 YTD	457	461

Enforcement Cases on hand:

3. Target 150
4. Actual 111

Notices Served

Type of Notice	Period	Year to date
	March 2013	2013
Enforcement	3	5
Stop Notice	0	0
Temporary Stop Notice	0	0
Breach of Condition	0	1

S215 – Amenity Notice	2	2
Planning Contravention Notice	0	0
Injunctions	0	0
High Hedge Remedial Notice	0	0

Notices issued since the last Committee Report

6.

Ref. no.	Village	Address	Notice issued
PLAENF.43	Papworth	9 Blyton Road	Enforcement
PLAENF. 259	Over	35 Mill Road	Amenity Notice
PLAENF. 260	Over	39 Mill Road	Amenity Notice
PLAENF. 423	Willingham	37A Rampton Road	Enforcement
PLAENF. 235	Bassingbourn	Land West of Cemetery The Causeway	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 outstanding from the disbanded Planning Enforcement Sub-Committee

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 rose since the last 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. A planning Contravention Notice has been issued to assess whether there is a breach of planning control. County Council and the Environment Agency to assess brick material imported

b. Q8, Foxton

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

c. Moor Drove, Histon

Application for two stables now validated,

Site visited and consideration of application underway.

d. 23 Howard Road Meldreth

Section 106 outstanding payments. Matters now resolved and first payment received - Confirmation received that direct debit payments have been arranged commencing 1st May – Remove from active listing.

e. Whittlesford – Scrapyard

Issues relating to mud on road are still causing concern with residents of Station Road - County Council informed. Matters relating to noise are being progressed currently through a planning application for the boundary/acoustic fencing – Retrospective planning application scheme accepted in principal. Application now received. A decision is expected shortly.

A retrospective planning application is to be submitted for the weighbridge situated at the former fuels depot

Summary

10. The number of enforcement cases investigated during the March period showed a 31% reduction when compared to the same month in 2012. Year to date 2012 revealed that the overall number of cases was down by approximately 1.51% which equates to 7 cases.

The numbers of cases on hand are 35% below the expected maximum number of cases per enforcement officer for the same period.

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.

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

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