

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Planning Committee

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ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Purpose

1. To inform Members about planning enforcement cases, as at 16th May 2013. Summaries of recent enforcement notices are also reported, for information.

Enforcement Cases Received and Closed

2.

| Period | Cases Received | Cases Closed |
|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
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| April | 48 | 60 |
| 1 st Qtr. 2013 | 108 | 133 |
| 2013 YTD | 156 | 193 |
| 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 99

Notices Served

5.

| Type of Notice | Period | Year to date |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| | April 2013 | 2013 |
| | | |
| Enforcement | 0 | 5 |
| Stop Notice | 0 | 0 |
| Temporary Stop Notice | 0 | 0 |
| Breach of Condition | 0 | 1 |

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| S215 – Amenity Notice | 2 | 2 |
| 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 |
|----------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 01 | Castle Camps | `East View Haverhill Road | Planning Contravention Notice |
| 02 | Stapleford | Hill Trees Babraham Road | Planning Contravention Notice |

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 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.

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. No further update available at this time.

d. Whittlesford – Scrapyard

Issues relating to mud on road are still being monitored. Matters' relating to noise are still being progressed currently through a planning application for

the boundary/acoustic fencing – Retrospective planning application scheme accepted in principal. Application now received.

A retrospective planning application is to be submitted for the weighbridge situated at the former fuels depot. No further update available at this time

Summary

10. The number of enforcement cases investigated during the April period showed a 50% increase 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 34% 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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