

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 17 June 2013. Summaries of recent enforcement notices are also reported, for information.

Enforcement Cases Received and Closed

2.	Period	Cases Received	Cases Closed
	May	51	46
	April	48	60
	1 st Qtr. 2013	108	133
	2013 YTD	207	239
	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 101

Notices Served

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

S215 – Amenity Notice	1	3
Planning Contravention Notice	1	3
Injunctions	0	0
High Hedge Remedial Notice	0	0

Notices issued since the last Committee Report

6.

Ref. no.	Village	Address	Notice issued
03	Great Abington	`57A North Road	Planning Contravention Notice
PLAENF.488	Whittlesford	27 Station Road	Amenity 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. No further update at this time
 - 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

A planning application for the boundary/acoustic fencing has been recommended for approval – Decision Notice to be issued shortly.

The weighbridge situated at the former fuels depot has now been removed from the site therefore no further action is required. Remove from listing

Summary

10. The number of enforcement cases investigated during the May period showed a 75.8% 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. With the exception of 2009 the number of cases reported in May 2013 is the highest they have been since 2004

The numbers of cases on hand are 33% 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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