

**REPORT TO:** Planning Committee

April 2022

**LEAD OFFICER:** Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development

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## Enforcement Report

### Executive Summary

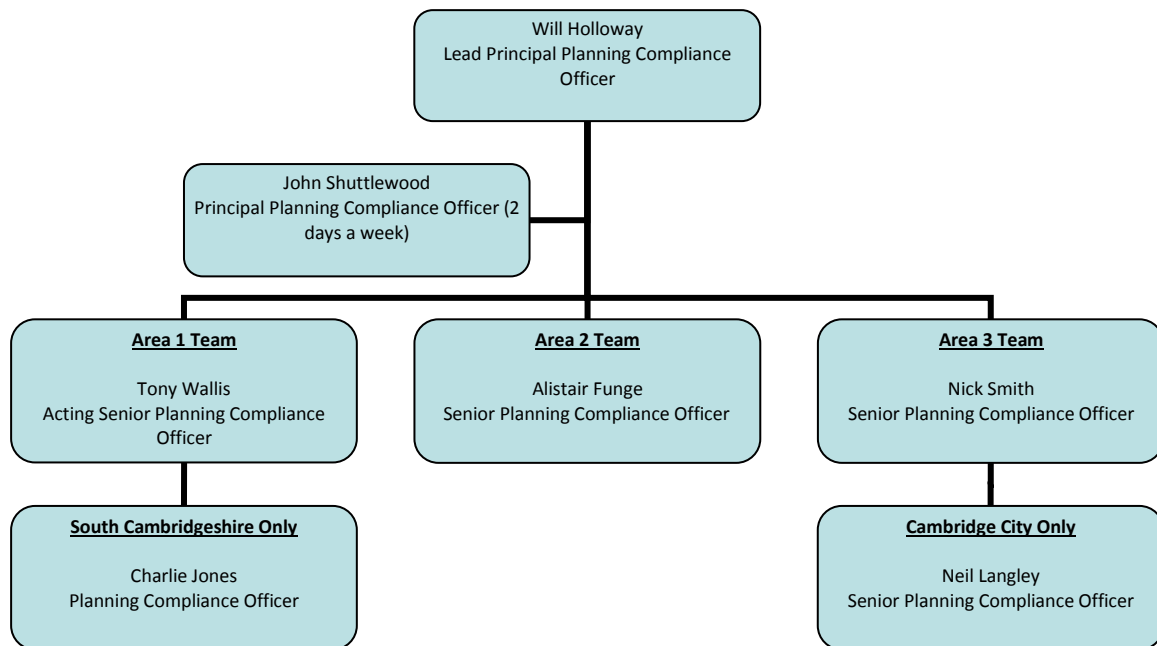
1. On 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 there were 161 open cases, including 61 Short Term Visitor Accommodation investigations. In January 2022, 20 new cases were opened and 20 investigations were closed. In February 2022, 16 new cases were opened and 44 investigations were closed
2. Statistical data is contained in Appendices 1 and 2 to this report.

### Updates to Service Delivery

Due to ongoing improvements within the service delivery of some changes will come into effect within the Team from 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

John Shuttlewood, Principal Planning Compliance Officer, has been seconded to the Cambridge Investment Partnership and the South Cambridgeshire Investment Partnership for three days a week. He will still be with us for two days a week but on a limited availability. Will Holloway has therefore been made Lead Principal Planning Compliance Officer for the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service.

The Planning Compliance Team will also now mirror the Development Management side of the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service and I have attached below an organisational chart for your information.



We have made huge strides to improving the service delivery recently including the reduction of officer case load, ensuring that those cases that require formal action to be taken are done so as a priority, that speed in decision making of cases has improved by adopting certain checks and also updating members in a more timely manner.

I hope that you can already see and feel the improvements being made to the service and we are continuing to make changes behind the scenes to ensure the best service delivery.

## Updates to significant cases

Should Members wish for specific updates to be added to the Enforcement Report then please request these from the Lead Principal Planning Compliance Officer and they will be added to the next available Planning Committee.

On a further note, if members would like further information to be submitted as part of this report moving forward then please contact the Lead Principal Planning Compliance Officer.

Updates are as follows:

### **8 Kelsey Crescent, Cherry Hinton.**

Following the refusal of retrospective planning permission, a Breach of Condition Enforcement Notice was served on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 requiring a habitable outbuilding be reduced in size to those dimensions shown in plans passed under planning ref. 19/0838/FUL. An appeal has been received and deemed to be valid by the national Planning Inspectorate against the refusal of the retrospective planning application ref. 21/01125/HFUL as well as the service of the Enforcement Notice. Members are reminded that any representations are to be made to the Planning Inspectorate.

## **Train wash Cambridge Rail Station**

Ward members will be aware that a number of complaints have been made as a result of the lighting in the area surrounding the train wash and the track in the adjacent area affecting local residents at night. Whilst it is considered that there are no breaches of planning control, Environmental Health Officers have been working with Network Rail contractors to try and improve the situation on an informal basis, and continue to monitor the issue.

## **2 Godesdone Rd and 211-213 Newmarket Rd site**

Ward members will be aware that local parties have reported recent activity on site. This has been determined to be works to replace scaffolding and move the site hoarding as well as assess and carry out any requirements of covering the exposed side flank wall of 4 Godesdone Rd with a waterproof membrane. There is an ongoing investigation concerning the demolition of no.2 Godesdone Rd but these works do not prejudice this investigation.

## **Lockton House, Clarendon Rd**

Several complaints have been made regarding allegations of breaches of conditions regarding the demolition of the site in the past few weeks in the high winds. Council officers have visited the site and spoken with project managers whilst assessing if any breaches of conditions discharged have arisen and identified these to the site to rectify. The monitoring of the site will continue, and officers will offer to facilitate contact between the site and residents.

## **Background Papers**

Planning Enforcement Register.  
Statistical Analysis of Uniform Planning Enforcement Software Program.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Enforcement Cases Received and Closed.  
Appendix 2: Notices Served.

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