

REPORT TO: Planning Committee September 2022

LEAD OFFICER: Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development

Enforcement Report

Executive Summary

1. On 30th July 2022 there were 136 open cases, including 61 Short Term Visitor Accommodation investigations.

In July 2022, 21 new cases were opened and 29 investigations were closed.

In July 2022, two formal enforcement notices were served.

2. Statistical data is contained in Appendices 1 and 2 to this report.

Updates to Service Delivery

The month of July has seen numbers of complaints and investigations concluded and closed snap back to a consistent level seen in previous months.

July has seen the start of a soft launch of new ways of alleged breaches of planning control being reported online, alongside the introduction of a real time updated enforcement register being made available. This sits alongside new online web content explaining the enforcement process is also being launched which will enable residents to determine if their enquiry is likely to be determine a breach of planning control.

Three posts within the Compliance Team have been out for recruitment and interviews for these will be taking place in the coming months.

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:

30 Maid's Causeway Cambridge

Following the Planning Inspectorate decision in June 2022 to uphold the enforcement notice, numbered EN/00149/21, issued on 28 May 2021, the owners have been in touch with enforcement officers with questions clarifying what is required to comply with the enforcement notice. It is hoped that these are steps to practical changes at the premises being made in time within the compliance period by the end of this year.

8 Kelsey Crescent, Cherry Hinton.

Following the refusal of retrospective planning permission, a Breach of Condition Enforcement Notice was served on 14th 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. A statement of case has been submitted stating the councils grounds for service of the enforcement notice and now awaiting the decision from the Planning Inspectorate.

Representations against the appellants claim for costs has also been submitted.

Update July: Still awaiting both decisions from Planning Inspectorate.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Enforcement Cases Received and Closed.

Appendix 2: Notices Served.

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