

REPORT TO: Planning Committee November 2026

LEAD OFFICER:

Joint Director of Planning

Compliance Report

(note) This report was prepared for November 2026 committee. The report has been drafted with statistical data up to the 7th October 2026.

1. On 7th October 2026 there were 466 open compliance cases in South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City. There are currently 170 identifiable open cases in Cambridge City.

From 1st January 2026 to March 31st 2026 the compliance team has received 649 referrals. This figure is around 130 additional referrals compared to 2025, year on year so far.

3. Details of all compliance 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.

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

5. Data contained in the appendices relates to up to end of March 2025 statistical information. Other statistical data relates to dates from 1st January 2026 to 7th October 2026 and is identified as such.

Updates on significant cases

Should Members wish for specific updates on cases they are involved in or have been made aware of then please feel free to contact the Planning Compliance Manager, or Area Principal Compliance Officers who will be able to update you or advise you of the case officer and request that the officer contacts you.

Performance Management and new reporting update

The case priorities are as follows.

- **High priority (Priority A)** cases are for work which is irreversible or irreplaceable and these will be immediately investigated within 1 working day of receipt. Examples include damage or loss of Listed Buildings or protected trees.
- **Medium priority (Priority B)** cases are for activities have or can cause harm, such as adverse effects on conservation areas or breaches of conditions. Our aim is to instigate the investigation and assess whether a breach of planning control within 10 working days of the site visit.
- **Low priority (Priority C)** cases are for a development which may cause some harm but could be made acceptable by way of implementing conditions or simple correction action. Our aim is to instigate the investigation and assess whether a breach of planning control within 20 working days of the site visit.

The figures at Appendix 2 include cases from the whole of the GCSP compliance workload. Cases for Cambridge City Council have been provided separately in the appendix and identified as such.

Background Papers

Planning Enforcement Register.

Statistical Analysis of Uniform Planning Enforcement Software Program.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Notices Served.

Appendix 2: Caseload Statistics.

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