

TITLE OF REPORT: Enforcement Action

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Purpose of the Report

1. To advise the Committee of the progress of enforcement action previously authorised by the Committee.

Background

2. The properties, which are the subject of enforcement action and their current status, are set out in Appendix 2.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that the Committee note the report.

1. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

2. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

4. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

6. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

The Human Rights Act states a person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions. However this does not impair the right of the state to enforce such laws, as it deems necessary to control the use of property and land in accordance with the general interest.

8. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Birtley, Bridges, Blaydon, Pelaw & Heworth, Chowdene, Crawcrook & Greenside, Ryton, Crookhill and Stella, Chopwell and Rowlands Gill, Wardley & Leam Lane, Windy Nook And Whitehills, Winlaton and High Spen, Whickham North, Whickham South and Sunnyside, Lobley Hill and Bensham. Lamesley, Dunston Hill and Whickham East and Low Fell.

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Nil.

APPENDIX 2

Item Number	Site	Ward	Alleged Breach of Planning Control	Date Approval given for Enforcement Action	Date Served	Date Notice comes into Force	End of Compliance Period	Current Status
1.	Land adjacent Ricklees Farm, Spen Lane, High Spen, Gateshead	Winlaton and High Spen	Change of use from agricultural to mixed use for keeping of horses, breaking, dismantling of vehicles, storage and burning of waste and the storage of caravans and vehicle bodies.	25 March 2013	25 March 2013	29 April 2013	29 June 2013	Complaints have been received over a considerable period regarding the inappropriate use of an area of green belt adjacent to B6315 During investigation it was established that the land was being used for a range of inappropriate uses. Despite attempts to negotiate with the land owner to reach a satisfactory conclusion no sustained improvement was secured. Therefore, an enforcement notice has been issued requiring the removal of the inappropriate material from the site together with the cessation of the unauthorised use. No appeal has been received and the notice has taken effect.
2.	Land adjacent Ricklees Farm, Spen Lane, High Spen, Gateshead	Winlaton and High Spen	Erection of a breeze block building	25 March 2013	25 March 2013	29 April 2013	29 June 2013	Complaints have been received over a considerable period regarding the inappropriate use of an area of green belt adjacent to B6315 During investigations, it was established that a building had been erected without consent. The building is considered to be unacceptable and therefore the council have issued an enforcement notice requiring the removal of the unauthorised building No appeal has been received and the notice has taken effect. The new owner of the site has been contacted and works are well underway to tidy the site with the demolition of the breeze block structure taking place in the near future A site visit has been arranged for the week commencing the 29 th October to look at the costs of carrying out work in default.
3.	Land at Woodhouse Lane, Swalwell (Known as South West Farm Site One) Known as South West Farm Site Two)	Swalwell Swalwell	Without planning permission the change of use of the land from agriculture to a mixed use for agriculture, storage of vehicles, agricultural equipment and scrap metal and vehicle dismantling and repair Without planning permission the change of use of the land from agriculture and reception, composting and transfer of green waste to a mixed use for agriculture	11 January 2016 11 January 2016	12 January 2016 12 January 2016	15 February 2016 15 February 2016	14 March and 4 July 2016 14 March and 4 July 2016	Notices were issued in September 2015 in respect of an unauthorised scrap being stored. Due to the scale of the breach of planning control an additional Notice was required in relation to the potential Environmental Impact of the Development. As such the original Notices (which were all being appealed) were withdrawn and further Notices have now been issued including those in respect of the requirement to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment and provide an Environmental Statement with an subsequent appeals. The Notices requires firstly, the cessation of the unauthorised use and secondly, the removal from the land of the scrap. Both defendants pleaded guilty at Newcastle Crown Court and both received a fine of £750. Each defendant was ordered to pay costs of £422.50 and a victim surcharge of £75. The site has to be cleared in 6 months. The site has recently been revisited and it is likely further action will be required.

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	(Known as South West Farm Site Three)	Swalwell	and the storage of vehicles, agricultural equipment and parts, repair and restoration of vehicles and machinery and the reception, composting and transfer of green waste. Without planning permission the change of use of the land from agriculture to a mixed use for agriculture and the storage of vehicles, agricultural equipment and scrap metal and vehicle dismantling and repair	11 January 2016	12 January 2016	15 February 2016	14 March and 4 July 2016 29 th Sep 2018	
4.	23 Hopedene Felling Gateshead NE10 8JA	Wardley And Leam Lane	Unightly Land	19 th October 2017	19 th October 2017	23 rd November 2017	4 th January 2018	Complaints were received regarding the condition of the garden. the enforcement notice was not complied with and the owner was therefore prosecuted. The defendant attended court on the 13 th June and was found guilty and ordered to pay a £300 fine and £100 costs. Estimates have been received to do works in default. Officer are currently assessing the quotes against the proposed timescales to complete the works.
5.	Gleeson's housing site, formally grazing land between Portobello Road Birtley	Birtley	Breach of Planning Conditions	29 TH November 2017	29 th November 2017	29 th November 2017	26 th December 2017	Despite communication with the developer, pre-commencement conditions have not been discharged and engineering operations and building operations have commenced on site. Conditions have now been submitted and discharged. The Council are awaiting confirmation from the Developer to confirm when they are due to recommence works on site. A site visit was undertaken on the 26 th September to see if work had re commenced on site. Although there were no builders on site at the time of the visit, it appears that development has re commenced since the Temporary Stop Notice was served as the most recent unit constructed has now had its roof erected. A letter has been sent to the developer, from the Councils Legal Department asking them to consider erecting a secure hoarding to prevent continued visual impact on the amenity of the area and to protect the site from unauthorised access.

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6.A	44 Ponthaugh Rowlands Gill NE39 1AD	Chopwell and Rolwands Gill	Unauthorised change of use	12 th January 2018	12 th January 2018	16 th February 2018	16 th March 2018	Complaints have been received regarding the erection of fencing enclosing public open space and incorporating it into the private garden. An enforcement notice has been issued requiring the use of the land as private garden to cease and the fence removed. The notice has not been fully complied with. Prosecution files are now being prepared.
7.	Blaydon Quarry , Lead Road, Gateshead	Crawcrook and Greenside	Breach of Planning Conditions	27 th March 2018	28 th March 2018	28 th March 2018	28 th April 2018	<p>Despite communication with the occupiers and owners of the site, conditions relating to planning permission DC/12/01266/MIWAS have not been discharged.</p> <p>Notice served in relation to breach of condition 12 to require submission of a noise monitoring scheme for all restoration activities. A Consultant has been employed by the owner and occupiers of the site to address the issues contained within each of the Notices. The Consultant is currently working with the Council to secure compliance.</p> <p>Details for each breach of condition notice were submitted on 15.05.18, Officers are currently reviewing the information submitted.</p>
8.	Blaydon Quarry , Lead Road, Gateshead	Crawcrook and Greenside	Breach of Planning Conditions	27 th March 2018	28 th March 2018	28 th March 2018	28 th April 2018	<p>Notice served in relation to breach of condition 13 to require submission of a vibration monitoring scheme for all restoration activities. This condition has not been discharged</p> <p>Details for each breach of condition notice were submitted on 15.05.18, Officers are currently reviewing the information submitted</p>
9.	Blaydon Quarry , Lead Road, Gateshead	Crawcrook and Greenside	Breach of Planning Conditions	27 th March 2018	28 th March 2018	28 th March 2018	28 th April 2018	<p>Notice served in relation to Breach of condition 14 to require Submission of a scheme for the management and minimisation of dust from restoration activities. This condition has not been discharged</p> <p>Details for each breach of condition notice were submitted on 15.05.18, Officers are currently reviewing the information submitted</p>
10.	Blaydon Quarry , Lead Road, Gateshead	Crawcrook and Greenside	Breach of Planning Conditions	27 th March 2018	28 th March 2018	28 th March 2018	28 th April 2018	<p>Notice served in relation to breach of condition 18 to require the Submission of a report to the Council recording the operations carried out on the land during the previous 12 months. This condition has not been discharged</p> <p>Details for each breach of condition notice were submitted on 15.05.18, Officers are currently reviewing the information submitted</p>
11.	Blaydon Quarry , Lead Road, Gateshead	Crawcrook and Greenside	Breach of Planning Conditions	27 th March 2018	28 th March 2018	28 th March 2018	28 th April 2018	<p>Notice served in relation to breach condition 23 to require Submission of details of a drainage system to deal with surface water drainage, and implementation of agreed scheme. This condition has not been discharged</p> <p>Details for each breach of condition notice were submitted on 15.05.18, Officers are currently reviewing the information submitted</p>

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12.	Blaydon Quarry , Lead Road, Gateshead	Crawcrook and Greenside	Breach of Planning Conditions	27th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th April 2018	Notice served in relation to breach condition 24 to require submission of a timetable and a maintenance scheme to the Council for the installation and maintenance of the drainage system. This condition has not been discharged Details for each breach of condition notice were submitted on 15.05.18, Officers are currently reviewing the information submitted
13.	Blaydon Quarry , Lead Road, Gateshead	Crawcrook and Greenside	Breach of Planning Conditions	27th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th April 2018	Notice served in relation to breach of condition 25 to require the Submission of an up to date survey of Cell 2 in relation to clearance heights beneath the electricity power lines. This condition has not been discharged Details for each breach of condition notice were submitted on 15.05.18, Officers are currently reviewing the information submitted
14.	Blaydon Quarry , Lead Road, Gateshead	Crawcrook and Greenside	Breach of Planning Conditions	27th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th April 2018	Notice served in relation to breach condition 26 to require the submission of details for the illuminate activities on site. This condition has not been discharged Details for each breach of condition notice were submitted on 15.05.18, Officers are currently reviewing the information submitted
15.	Blaydon Quarry , Lead Road, Gateshead	Crawcrook and Greenside	Breach of Planning Conditions	27th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th April 2018	Notice served in relation to Breach of condition 27 to require the submission of details as requested in condition 27 of permission DC/12/01266/MIWAS. This condition has not been discharged Details for each breach of condition notice were submitted on 15.05.18, Officers are currently reviewing the information submitted
16.	Blaydon Quarry , Lead Road, Gateshead	Crawcrook and Greenside	Breach of Planning Conditions	27th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th April 2018	Notice served in relation to breach of condition 28. To require submission of details for alternative provision for Sand Martin nesting and other bat and bird boxes and a timetable for implementation. This condition has not been discharged Details for each breach of condition notice were submitted on 15.05.18, Officers are currently reviewing the information submitted
17.	Blaydon Quarry , Lead Road, Gateshead	Crawcrook and Greenside	Breach of Planning Conditions	27th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th April 2018	Notice served in relation to breach of condition 31. To require the submission of details for reflective road marking scheme adjacent to the site access on Lead Road. This condition has not been discharged Details for each breach of condition notice were submitted on 15.05.18, Officers are currently reviewing the information submitted
18.	Blaydon Quarry , Lead Road, Gateshead	Crawcrook and Greenside	Breach of Planning Conditions	27th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th April 2018	Notice served in relation to breach of condition 32 to require the Submission of a timetable for the early restoration of the north east corner of the site. This condition has not been discharged Details for each breach of condition notice were submitted on 15.05.18, Officers are currently reviewing the information submitted
19.	Blaydon Quarry , Lead Road, Gateshead	Crawcrook and Greenside	Breach of Planning Conditions	27th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th March 2018	28th April 2018	Complaints have been received that the site has been open outside the approved hours, following further investigation this has been confirmed, therefore a notice has been served in relation to breach of condition 51 to ensure no HGV'S enter of leave the site before 06.30 or after 18.00 hours on Monday to Friday nor after 13.00 hours on Saturdays and no times on Sunday and Bank and Public holidays. A site visit was undertaken on the 20 th June in conjunction with the Environment Agency, to monitor the hours of operation. At the time of the visit no tipping was taking place, however activity on site will continue to be monitored.

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20.	25 Sundridge Drive Felling Gateshead NE10 8JF	Wardley And Leam Lane	Unauthorised change of use	10 th August 2018	10 th August 2018	14 th September 2018	12 th October 2018	Complaints have been received regarding the erection of fencing enclosing public open space and incorporating it into the private garden. The loss of open space is unacceptable; therefore an enforcement notice has been issued requiring the use of the land as private garden to cease and the fence removed. An appeal has been received but no start date has been given yet.
21.	27 Sundridge Drive Felling Gateshead NE10 8JF	Wardley And Leam Lane	Unauthorised change of use	10 th August 2018	10 th August 2018	14 th September 2018	12 th October 2018	Complaints have been received regarding the erection of fencing enclosing public open space and incorporating it into the private garden. The loss of open space is unacceptable; therefore an enforcement notice has been issued requiring the use of the land as private garden to cease and the fence removed. An appeal has been received but no start date has been given yet.
22.	Blaydon and District Club and Institute, Garden Street	Blaydon	Untidy Land	03 rd September 2018	03 rd September 2018	5 th October 2018	30 th November 2018	Complaints have been received regarding the condition of the building and land. A Notice has been issued pursuant to section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act requiring the building to be demolished Given the potential bat roost, Natural England will not issue a licence for the roost to be destroyed until after the hibernation period which is November to March.
23.	Three Ts Bar, Longrigg Gateshead	Whickham North	Untidy Land	05 th September 2018	05 th September 2018	5 th October 2018	30 th November 2018	Complaints have been received regarding the condition of the building and land. A Notice has been issued pursuant to section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act requiring the building to be demolished and a hoarding erected. The owner has been in contact and will submit a scope of works with timescales to make this building safe and in part to be brought back into use, rather than demolish property.
24.	3 Westwood View, Crawcrook, Ryton, NE40 4HR	Crawcrook and Greeside	Untidy Land	21 st August 2018	23 rd August 2018	20 th September 2018	23 rd October 2018	Complaints have been received regarding the condition of the building and land. A Notice has been issued pursuant to section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act requiring works to be undertaken to repair the garage roof, utility roof, windows, facias and gutters and the land to be cleared and tidied. The Notice has now been fully complied with. Permission is sought from Committee to remove this item from the report.
25.	3 Charlton Villas, Greenside, Ryton NE40 4RR	Crawcrook and Greeside	Untidy Land	18 th October 2018	18 th October 2018	15 th November 2018	13 th December 2018	Complaints have been received regarding the condition of the building and land. A Notice has been issued pursuant to section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act requiring works to be undertaken to repair the garage roof, utility roof, windows, facias and gutters and the land to be cleared and tidied.
26.	321 And 323 Rectory Road Bensham Gateshead NE8 4RS	Saltwell	Unauthorised change of use	7 th November 2018	7 th November 2018	11 th December 2018	8 th January 2019	Complaints have been received regarding the use of a dwelling as a House of Multiple Occupation (HMO). A previous planning application was refused for the change of use and the subsequent appeal dismissed; therefore, an Enforcement Notice has been issued requiring the use of the property as an HMO to cease.