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The City of Doncaster Council Planning Enforcement Quarterly Report June 2023

Introduction

This report provides the City of Doncaster Council's Planning Enforcement performance in the first quarter of 2023/24.

<u>Case Updates – First Quarter (1st April – 30th June 2023)</u>	
Total Cases Still Under Investigation as at end of June 2023.	304
Total Cases Recorded in the fourth Quarter (1st April – 30th June 2023)	121
Total Cases Closed Down in the fourth Quarter (1st April – 30th June 2023)	119

Prosecution Cases.

There have been no prosecutions heard before the Court during this first quarter of 2023/24

Simple Caution cases

28 Lodge Road, Skellow

Unauthorised change of use of land from a domestic garden forming part of the curtilage of a residential dwelling to a use for the commercial breeding, sale and kennelling of dogs and puppies

Doncaster Council received a complaint regarding the alleged running of a dog breeding business at 28 Lodge Road, Skellow. Following a site visit, it was confirmed that breeding was taking place and dog kennels had been built which created an overdevelopment of the property. A subsequent Enforcement Notice was served on the owner whereby they had until the 17th January 2022, to comply with the notice.

Despite numerous attempts to rectify the matter the owner did not comply with the notice and a prosecution file was laid before Doncaster Magistrates court. Before the case was brought to hearing, the owners had ceased all operations and reduced the number of kennels. Doncaster Council, whilst prepared not to pursue the case through the court, the Council felt very strongly that it was important to issue a simple caution to the offender, which was accepted and signed on the 26th June 2023.

Whiphill Top Lane, Branton

Unauthorised drilling & poisoning of an ash tree subject to Doncaster Borough Council Tree Preservation Order

Doncaster Council was contacted by a local tree work contractor regarding the moribund condition of an ash tree in Branton, which was subject to a group Tree Preservation Order.

The tree in question was subject to an application to fell in 2016, which the Council refused. Following the notification, a Council's Trees and Hedgerows Officer visited on 06.07.2022 to inspect the tree. However, shortly into the inspection two sizeable drill holes were noticed at the base of the tree on its northern side (the back of the tree when entering the property).





At the time of the Trees and Hedgerows Officer's visit, of the few leaves on the tree, a naturally shaped *but very reduced in size leaf* was noted; this is a classic sign of herbicide poisoning. The owners of the tree maintained that the cause of the decline of the tree was ash die back.

The Council did not agree with this assessment (ash die back commonly exhibits specific symptoms – such as blackened wilted leaves and bark lesions) that were absent in the tree and the owners of the tree were subsequently invited to be interviewed under caution. Three appointments were arranged, none of which were attended. Hence, whilst in the meantime a replacement tree was planted to the satisfaction of the Council it was impossible to conclude the case without knowing how the drill holes got there and what may have been poured into them.

The Council informed the tree owners that it was prepared to put this matter before the court, whereby the court would be informed of the owners' antipathy towards the tree by virtue of their unsubstantiated desire to remove it back in 2016, the tree's subsequent decline – with the still unresolved matter of how the drill holes got there and what may have been poured into them. The Council would have also emphasised to the court that the only 'beneficiary' of the tree being removed were the owners themselves; all of which would be set within the context of the owners' refusal, on three occasions, to attend for interview to assist the Council with its enquiries.

However, in this instance, having weighed up the case evidence and given there was no direct evidence for this potential offence, the Council in conjunction with the Enforcement Team proposed the issuing of a simple caution in respect of the offence. This course of action was subject to the tree owners' agreement and admission of the offence. Whilst the Council was confident of presenting a case before the court, there are always factors of whether pursuing the case in the court is within the public interest. Firstly, a satisfactory replacement has been planted which will over time, in the Council's view, be a better specimen than the tree lost. Secondly, whilst still worthy of the TPO the tree lost was not the best tree in the TPO'd group (which also contains several fine oak trees). Thirdly, the configuration of the trees was such that there was already a natural break in the tree line between the southern end of group G1 (where the poisoned ash was) and T1

(another ash). Hence, a hole was not created in the line of protected trees; rather, the pre-existing gap was widened slightly – this reduced the degree of harm that the loss of the tree caused.

Finally, three different local tree work contractors/consultants believed that the decline of the tree was due to ash die back, with this narrative being fed back to the tree owners. In the Council's opinion, this diagnosis was wrong (as is not uncommonly the case with this default diagnosis for anything that is awry with ash trees). Although there was disagreement, this may have been a stumbling block for the Council to convince the lay magistrates.

For all the above reasons, the Council was prepared to consider a different resolution to this case. Whilst prepared not to pursue the case in the court, the Council felt very strongly that it was important as a matter of principle that the perpetrator admit to the offence, so as not to make a mockery of the protection of the borough's TPO's trees.

The perpetrator has now admitted the offence and signed the simple caution on 10.05.2023. A record of this will be kept on the Council's records for two years and may subsequently be used to institute legal proceedings should any further offences be established.

Injunctions



Doncaster Council received a complaint alleging the unauthorised preparation of site for a Travellers caravan site which would be commencing from 27th March 2023. A site visit was carried out on the 24th March 2023, where it was found no activity was happening on the site. A further site visit was then carried out on the 28th March 2023 whereby no activity was found to be taking place.

Over the Easter bank holiday weekend of 2023, an email was received informing that work had commenced on the site, this was confirmed on the 11th April 2023, where during the site visit it was found that a new opening had been created, with the land sectioned off into 8 plots and adjoining paddocks, wooden fencing was installed around each individual plot and paddock and caravans were situated within each plot. A discussion was held with the owners of the land who explained that a planning application had been submitted on the 6th April 2023, the families had already moved onto the site and that portable toilets would be delivered that day.

A discussion was held between the Councils Planning Enforcement Team, Development Management Team and Legal services where it was decided to serve a Temporary Stop Notice and apply for an injunction on the land.

The Temporary Stop Notice was served later that day informing of no further works to be undertaken for the next 28 days. On the 13th April 2023, Doncaster Council applied for and were awarded a temporary injunction from The High Court in London, which was served on all persons on the site as well as any persons unknown, where it prohibited any further works from being undertaken.

The case was then heard before The High Court, in London on the 25th April 2023 where an injunction was awarded to Doncaster Council, which gave an extension to the timeframe that was on the temporary injunction. These documents were served on the persons residing on the land as well as any persons unknown.

We are currently awaiting a further court date for a hearing to be held at Leeds High Court, to progress matters further.

Notices Served

Enforcement Notice - Land at Council Depot, Edlington Road, Edlington

Doncaster Council received a complaint alleging that vehicles were being dismantled on the land, suggesting that those involved were running a scrap business from the site.

The Council's investigation into the complaint identified that the land was being used for vehicle repairs and storage without the necessary planning permission.

The occupier advised that they would be using the land solely for the storing of vehicles and subsequently a planning application was submitted on 18th November 2021. The application was refused on the 1st March 2022 due to the lack of information provided. Following the determination, vehicle repairs and breaking had increased again on the site.

An Enforcement Notice was served on the land on 3rd April 2023 with the following requirements:

- (i) Cease the use of the land for the dismantling, repair and storage of vehicles.
- (ii) Remove all vehicles, vehicle parts, associated equipment, oils and materials from the land.
- (iii) Either:
 - a. Reduce the height of the metal corrugated fencing in the area coloured in blue on the plan to no more than 1 metre in height and reduce the height of the metal corrugated fencing in the area coloured in green on the plan to no more than 2 metres in height; or
 - b. Remove the corrugated metal fencing coloured blue and green on the plan in its entirety from the land.
- (iv) Upon completion of steps (i)-(iii) above, to permanently remove the resultant materials from the land.

The notice took effect on the 15th May 2023 and a compliance period of 28 days was provided for step (i) and 2 months for step (ii) to (iv). The case officer has scheduled a site visit to check whether the requirements of the enforcement notice have been complied with and an update of this will be provided within the next report.

Enforcement Notice – 29 Kings Road, Wheatley



Doncaster Council received a complaint regarding the alleged unauthorised erection of a two-storey extension, outbuilding, dormer window, and change of use of the outbuilding to a dwelling. A site visit was carried out where it was established that the development was in progress. The enforcement officer spoke to the developer who claimed to have planning permission, but they were informed that the planning permission had been refused and the current works being carried out were unauthorised.

Despite numerous attempts to work with the developer, no remedial action was taken and works continued whereby the rear of the property was turned into 3 storeys and the outbuilding was turned into a self-contained flat that extended across the alleyway to the rear of the property.

On the 29th June 2023, an Enforcement Notice was served on the property and the developers registered office. The notice comes into effect on the 10th August 2023 and requires the developer to;

- (i) Demolish in its entirety the unauthorised two-storey rear extension shown marked in blue on the plan.

- (ii) Reinstate and make good the rear elevation of the original dwelling to its former condition.
- (iii) Following compliance with steps (i) to (ii) above, permanently remove the resultant materials from the Land.

The time for compliance of the notice is the following;

For steps (i) to (ii) above, two months from the date upon which the notice takes effect and for step (iii) above, three months from the date upon which this notice takes effect.

6 Pasture Gardens, Norton



A complaint was received regarding the alleged unauthorised breach of planning conditions of planning application 21/01496/FUL where the extension was not being built in accordance with approved plans.

A site visit was carried out where it was established that the extension was not built in accordance to the approved plans as the extension was considerably larger than what had been approved. The owner was advised to reduce the building to the approved measurements, however a new planning application 22/02266/FUL was submitted to retain the extension with the current dimensions. This application was subsequently refused on the 6th December 2022, which resulted in a Breach of Conditions Notice being served on the property on the 25th May 2023, which came into effect on the same day and the owners have until the 25th August 2023 to comply. Since this notice was served it has been found that there was an error on the authorisation report and the notice will be withdrawn and re-served shortly.

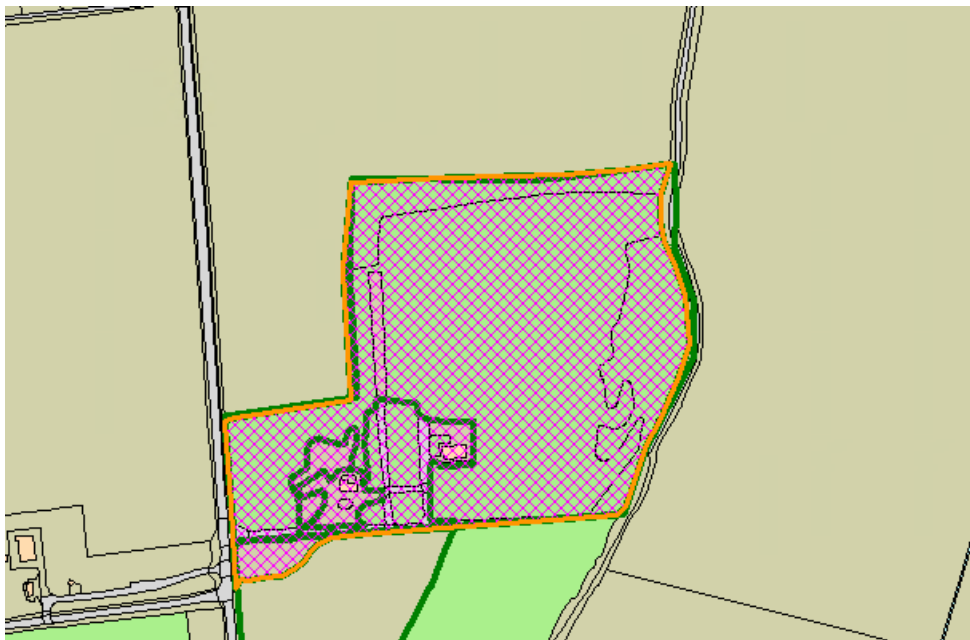
The Breach of Conditions Notice requires the owner to cease breaching condition 2 of planning application 21/01496/FUL by reducing the length of the first-floor extension from 6 metres from the rear extension to 4 metres in accordance with the approved plans within 90 days of when the notice comes into effect.

Land on south side of Oldfield Lane, Stainforth



As stated earlier in this report, a Temporary Stop Notice (TSN) was served on 6th April 2023 informing the owners that no further works are to be undertaken on the land for the next 28 days.

Pine Lodge Caravan Park, Thorne Road, Austerfield



Applications 16/03190/FUL -Change of use of land for the siting of 10 residential park lodges, landscaping, internal roads, parking, pumping station and other associated infrastructure. (amended description) and 19/02734/FULM - Change of use application for the siting of residential park lodges and to facilitate a deed of variation as part of Planning Permission 90/0143/P were previously approved. However following the granting of the most recent application, complaints were received

concerning breaches of the approval which included the cutting down of trees, expansion of the site outside of the red line boundary and advertisements which suggested the lodges could be used for residential occupation, when the approval had conditioned that the lodges were to be used as a holiday lets only.

Site visits were attempted on more than one occasion, but access was refused by the owner, making it difficult to assess the extent of the breaches that had occurred and were possibly continuing whilst works were being undertaken on site.

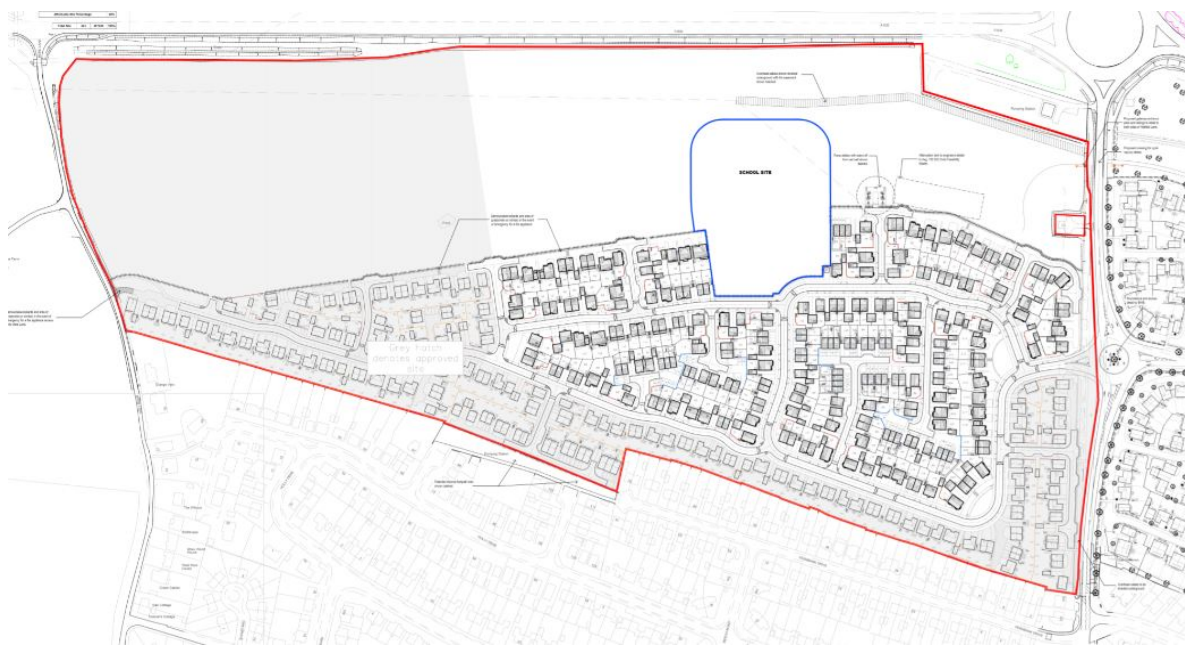
Due to the disregard of requests made by the enforcement officer and the planning officer, a Temporary Stop Notice (TSN) was served on the site on 29th June 2023 with a compliance period of 28 days which expired on 27th July 2023.

Requirements of the Temporary Stop Notice:

Cease all building works, excavation works, groundworks, tree felling and clearance works and all associated vehicle movements within the No Work Zone shown hatched in green on plan 2.

Following the issue of the TSN, a site meeting was arranged by the planning agent and attended by the planning manager, planning officer and enforcement officer. It was found that the on site development was not in accordance with the approved plans, and the layout was such that that an application to regularise the existing development would not be viewed favourably, and as a result, further action is to be taken by the LPA. However, an issue has been identified regarding the ownership of the site that needs to be clarified so any notices issued can be legally served.

Land North West of Hatfield Lane, Armthorpe



A case was registered following a report from Highways Enforcement that mud was being deposited on the highway when vehicles were exiting the part of the site currently being developed by Stonebridge Homes. Pre-commencement conditions had not been implemented relating to a previously application 16/02224/OUTM - Outline application for the erection of residential development of up to 400 dwellings, primary school, open space including green wedge, formal open space and children's

play areas, landscape works including retained and new woodland planting, principle of access from Hatfield Lane, internal road network, cycle and pedestrian network, provision of utilities, drainage and necessary diversions and demolition and any engineering and ground remodelling works (All Matters Reserved).

It was decided that there was sufficient concern that the mud deposits would prove harmful to the highway network. A Temporary Stop Notice (TSN) was served on 19th January 2023. The notice was effective when served on the developer for a period of 28 days, which expired on 16th February 2023. The requirements of the notice were:

“Cease any and all vehicular movements associated with construction activities on the Land which result in mud and debris being deposited onto the highway from vehicles entering or leaving the Land.”

During the period that the notice was effective, a number of site visits were undertaken by both Planning and Highways Enforcement to check that compliance with the notice was being achieved.

(Recent update as of 31/07/23)

Following the issue of the Temporary Stop Notice, the monitoring visits undertaken by Planning Investigation and Highways highlighted that there had been 2 occasions when the TSN had been breached and mud/debris deposited onto the highway network. Advice has been sought regarding the Local Planning Authorities position, and whether Stonebridge Homes Ltd. will be subject to prosecution action.

The Old School - Barnby Dun.



On the 30th May 2022 a complaint was received from the Trees and Hedgerows Officer in relation to development taking place before the approved planning permission (20/00769/FUL) pre commencement conditions, had been discharged. Concerns were raised that protected trees were being damaged without the required protection methods being put in place.

A site visit was carried out on the 30th May 2022, where evidence was gathered that work had taken place without the necessary requirements as stipulated in the planning permission. Immediately a telephone discussion was held with the developer and they were advised not to carry out any further work until the conditions have been discharged, this was also confirmed in writing to them on the same day.

Despite Planning Enforcements warning, work commenced on the site and a Temporary Stop Notice and a Breach of Condition Notice were served on the

developer and on the site, on the 10th June 2022. All activities were to cease immediately until the conditions have been discharged. The Temporary Stop Notice expired on 8th July. No application to discharge conditions has been received and the site is being monitored.

(Update 13th April 2023):

An application to discharge the conditions 22/02033/COND was received on the 2nd September 2022 for the consent, agreement or approval required by conditions 3 (Samples of materials), 4 (Drainage details), 5 (Tree protection), 6 (Tree replacement), 7 (Site surfaced and sealed) and 8 (Vehicle turning space) of planning application 20/00769/FUL. Condition 4 of this application has been discharged, however the remaining conditions have not yet been determined for discharge.

(Recent update 31/07/23)

Conditions 5 (Tree protection), 6 (Tree replacement), 7 (Site surfaced and sealed) and 8 (Vehicle turning space) of planning application 20/00769/FUL have still not been determined for discharge therefore the enforcement case is still being held in abeyance until a decision is made on the discharge of condition application.

Wynmoor, York Road, Bentley



A complaint was received on the 22nd August 2022 regarding the alleged unauthorised erection of sheds, to the rear of the property. A site visit was conducted where officers established that the owners had erected several wooden structures as living accommodation in order to extend the property. The extensions took up most of the rear garden and the owner was advised that it was over development of the land and that it would require planning permission. Though it would be unlikely to be supported. The owner subsequently submitted a retrospective planning application 22/02517/FUL for the retention of part of the extension on the 15th November 2022, which was granted on the 27th March 2023.

Following this approval an enforcement notice was served on 30th March 2023, which came into effect on the 18th May 2023. The compliance date is 18th August 2023 where the owner is required to remove all remaining structures. A site visit will be carried out following the expiry of the notice to check for compliance.

Bethel House, Moss Road, Moss



A complaint was received regarding the alleged unauthorised selling of caravans and display of advertisements, at Bethel House, Moss Road. A site visit was carried out where it was identified that a large number of caravans were for sale at the front and the rear of the property. On the 4th March 2022, a letter was sent to the owner giving 28 days to remove the caravans as an application would not be supported as the property and land sit within the Countryside Policy area. On the 6th May 2022, a retrospective planning application 22/01034/FUL was received. This application was refused on the 30th November 2022. This decision has been subsequently appealed through the Planning Inspectorate AP23/00005/REF and awaiting a decision.

An enforcement notice was served on the 30th March 2023, which came into effect on the 18th May 2023, though this will be held in abeyance until the Planning Inspectorate has made their decision on the appeal for the refused planning permission.

48 Jubilee Road, Wheatley



A complaint was received regarding the alleged unauthorised conversion of a single dwelling into 3 flats. On the 29th April 2022, a letter was sent to the owners, informing them that planning permission is required as the property sits within the Article 4 Direction area. On the 16th May 2022, a retrospective planning application 22/01194/COU was received for the change of use from a residential property to self-

contained flats. This application was refused on the 24th January 2023, so an Enforcement Notice has been served on the property dated 30th March 2023, which came into effect on the 15th May 2023 and the owners have until the 18th September 2023 to comply and revert the property back to a single dwelling house. A site visit will be carried out following the expiry of the notice to determine compliance.

Appeals.

No appeals outcomes to report in this quarter.

Section 215 Cases

The Council and partners including South Yorkshire Police and St Leger Homes are currently operating a joint project to deliver a sustainable regeneration in Edlington. This includes a specific focus on improving the condition of the environment and properties on Princes Crescent and Dukes Crescent. Site visits have been carried out within the area whereby 23 properties have been identified where there are concerns about the appearance of the properties and its grounds, which are seen as detrimental to the amenity of the surrounding area.

Initial Section 215 letters have been sent out to the relevant properties and their owners requiring the necessary action to rectify any issues brought to their attention. Should the relevant properties not adhere to these requests, then an assessment will be made on whether a Section 215 Notice is appropriate in this instance.

Section 215 Notices

99 Allenby Crescent, Rossington



A complaint was received on 20th June 2022 regarding the poor condition of the front and rear garden to a residential property.

A site visit was conducted which found that the front garden was overgrown, however the rear garden was heavily overgrown with vegetation and trees which had caused the boundary fence to the neighbouring property to become damaged and partially collapsed. The rear garden could also be seen from the highway due a side access

road. All other properties on the street are well maintained therefore this property is having a detrimental effect on the amenity of the neighbourhood.

Standard letters were sent out requiring works to be completed to improve the condition of the front and rear garden. The vegetation to the front garden was cut back, however the rear garden remained the same. On 1st February 2023 a Section 215 notice was served on the owner which required them to carry out the following works;

- i. Cut down all overgrown vegetation, weeds, and shrubs from the rear garden. Dispose of the resultant materials in an approved manner.
- ii. Reinstate boundary treatment to the side of your property to secure the site by either repairing the current fencing or replacing with close boarded timber fencing no higher than 2 metres.
- iii. Ensure that regular inspections are made to the premises and its surrounding grounds and maintain these on an on-going basis, so as not to cause further detriment to the amenity of the surrounding area.

The notice came into effect on 8th March 2023 and the owner has until 5th April 2023 to comply. A site visit will be carried out following expiry of this notice to check for compliance.

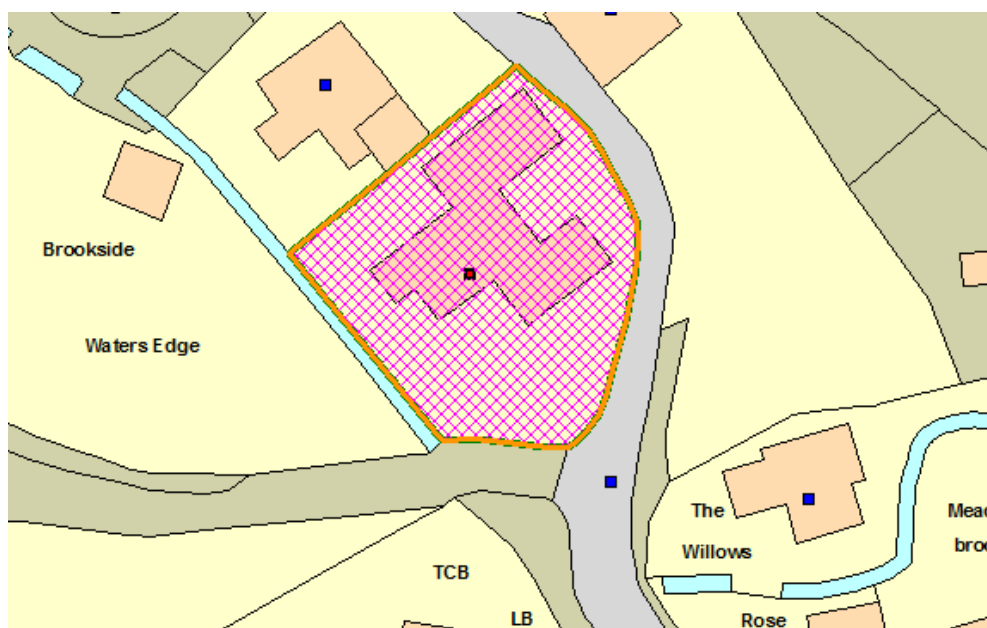
(Recent update 29/06/23)

A site visit was carried out following the expiry of the S215 notice, whereby it was established that the rear garden has been cut back of all overgrown vegetation, trees and hedges. Replacement fencing has now been installed between 99 and the neighbouring property. The front of the property was still clear therefore the case was closed and the notice was complied with in full.



General Cases

Waters Edge, Holme Hall Lane, Stainton



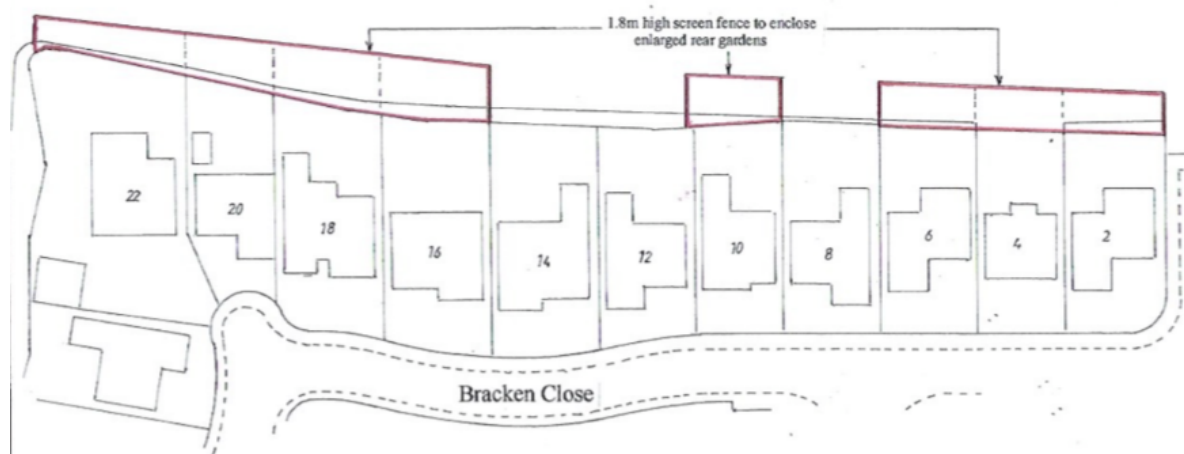
A complaint was received following the approval of planning application 20/00508/FUL - Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey extensions including garage and new vehicular access.

It was reported that the laurel hedge indicated on the approved plan had been replaced with a stone wall. A visit to the property found that there were other variations from the approval which included the internal layout of the property and the relocation of the access.

An application was submitted seeking permission for a garage/outbuilding without rectifying the outstanding issues, which was further complicated as the owner had employed a different agent to the one who had submitted the previous approval and could not be contacted.

After discussion with a third agent and a planning officer, the pending application was withdrawn and a further application was submitted which included all aspects of the development at the property under planning application ref. 23/00801/FUL - Erection of a detached garage and revised access, Retrospective application for retention of wall and single storey extensions with internal alterations (Being resubmission of application 20/00508/FUL granted 29.04.2020 & 22/01527/FUL withdrawn on 26.04.2023)/ This application was subsequently approved on 12.06.2023 therefore the case has been closed following the Planning Enforcement Team's involvement.

Rear Of Bracken Close, Branton



A complaint was received with regards to the alleged unauthorised extending of gardens into a field to the rear. A site visit was conducted which established that 7 properties had extended their domestic curtilage into the agricultural field to the rear of their properties which is designated as a Countryside Policy Area within the Local Plan.

Letters were sent to the properties advising them that planning permission was required for the change of use of the land from agricultural to residential. On 9th March 2023 a planning application was submitted 23/00488/FUL for Change of use of former agricultural land to use as private garden at rear of Nos. 2, 4, 6, 10, 16, 18, 20 and 22 Bracken Close, Branton (Retrospective). This application was subsequently granted on 19/07/2023 therefore the case has been closed following the Planning Enforcement Teams involvement.

Ess N Kay, Doncaster Road, Stainforth



Before



After

A complaint was received with regards to an alleged unauthorised erection of a ten-foot fence/screen. A site visit was conducted which established that corrugated sheeting has been erected onto posts adjacent to the side boundary wall of the property. The height of this screened area exceeded the permitted 2 metres, therefore the owner was advised to either take down the fence/screen including the posts, to reduce the height to 2 metres or to submit a planning application to retain within 28 days.

A further visit was made following the expiry of this timescale and found that the owner had removed the fencing screen and reduced the height of the metal posts to below 2 metres and below the height of the boundary wall. The case has now been closed following the Planning Enforcement Team's involvement.

Banners and advertisements displayed without consent or permission.

In the First quarter 2023-2024, twenty-two companies and organisations were identified as displaying banners and advertisements within the borough of Doncaster, without consent. There were 12x banners, 1x 'A' boards, 48x signs and 2x advertising trailers dealt with. Initial contact was made resulting in eighteen companies and organisations directly removing their displays within the required 2-day time period. The remaining three companies received a verbal warning due to it being their first offence and their displays were removed. In this quarter, one company received a written warning. The City of Doncaster Council removed the signage that was still being displayed after the 2-day timescale and the company have been charged for the removal of this sign.

Examples of unauthorised advertisements:

Wilmington Drive Lakeside Doncaster

Following a check of the Doncaster area, a company's signage trailer was identified on the Highway verge. Following contact with council officers, the company agreed to remove all items that were displayed without consent within Doncaster. A verbal warning was also issued, regarding future occurrences. The following photographs show the advertisements on a piece of Highway verge /land.



Before
After



High Road Balby Doncaster.

Unauthorised signage was discovered on highway adopted land and was being displayed on street furniture. Several failed attempts were made to contact the company from Bradford, to request the remove of the signage. A letter was then sent requesting removal of the advert within 2 days however the company failed to comply, so the council removed the sign and a charge was raised. The following photographs show the advertisements on a piece of City of Doncaster highway furniture at High Road, Balby, Doncaster.

Before



After



Great North Road Rossington, Doncaster

An 'A' board type sign was located on a highway verge for a local restaurant company advertisement sign without planning permission or deemed consent. Following contact with an enforcement officer and the company from Doncaster, they have removed their signage from the highway verge. A verbal warning was issued to the company.



Before



After

For Sale/ To-Let Boards

Since April 2021, following complaints of Estate Agents' boards causing a blight in specific parts of the urban/town centre area. An initial project, identified 280 locations, displaying either, "for sale/to-let" boards. Whilst it is not an offence to display these

boards, all the relevant companies were contacted by the Enforcement Team, to ensure that businesses are aware of the required standards of Class 3(A) of The Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulation 2007.

In the 2nd quarter of 2022, we received a complaint that boards were an issue, in an area of Balby. We established there were 49 boards being displayed, contact was made with the relevant companies and 17 of those boards were removed.

In this the 1st quarter of 2023-2024, 42 of the boards being monitored in the Urban/ City centre area and Balby area were no longer displayed, either due to their expiry or for being incorrectly displayed (i.e. several boards for the same company displayed on one property). However, there were 41 new displays of “for sale/to-let” boards established.

The Enforcement Team will continue to monitor the 139 boards identified and if required, take the appropriate action, to ensure compliance with the current planning regulations and guidance.

Developer Signs

In the 4th quarter 2022-2023 we have been assisting the highways team in relation to yellow ‘new housing development’ directional signs on street furniture. These signs are allowed within the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulation 2007 and the Highways Act 1980 with permission and a licence agreement from the highways department. 50 items were identified in which 35 were found not to have a current agreement. Contact was made to 6 companies and 13 of the signs were removed. The City of Doncaster council removed 27 of the signs that did not have permission due to the companies no longer operating or the signs were not compliant.

In the 1st quarter of 2023-2024, checks across a wider area was carried out and 143 of these signs were being displayed. Checks were made to establish if they were compliant, however 26 of these signs were either no longer necessary or did not have relevant consent. Contact was made with the developers and these 26 signs were then removed by the developers. Officers will continue to monitor the remaining 117 signs to ensure that they either they have the relevant consents to display these signs and if so, are removed when they are no longer required.

High Street Bawtry



Before



After

Quarterly Enforcement Cases.

Quarter 1 (April - June 2023)	
Received Enforcement Cases	121
Total Cases Pending	304
Closed Enforcement Cases	119

Case Breakdown	
Unlawful Advertisements	5
Breach of Conditions	22
Unauthorised Change of Use	32
Unauthorised Works to Listed Building	0
Unauthorised Operational Development	62
Unauthorised Works to Protected Trees	0

Areas Where Breaches Take Place	
Adwick and Carcroft	4
Armthorpe	7
Balby South	0
Bentley	8
Bessacarr	2
Conisbrough	8
Edenthorpe and Kirk Sandall	0
Edlington and Warmsworth	4
Finningley	8
Hatfield	7
Hexthorpe and Balby North	6
Mexborough	4
Norton and Askern	15
Roman Ridge	3
Rossington and Bawtry	6
Sprotbrough	5

Stainforth and Barnby Dun	4
Thorne and Moorends	8
Tickhill and Wadworth	7
Town	13
Wheatley Hills and Intake	2

Formal Enforcement Action	
Notices Issued	5
Prosecutions/Simple Cautions	2
Injunctions	2

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