



Hope Bagot Parish
The Riddings
Whitton
Ludlow
Shropshire
SY8 3AE

Date: 20th August 2020

Our Ref: 20/07401/ENF

Your Ref:

Dear Sir/Madam,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

CASE REFERENCE 20/07401/ENF

PLANNING ENQUIRY: Unauthorised engineering works and use of land as moto-cross track

LOCATION: Sycamore, Whitton, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 3DA.

Thank you for the recent planning enquiry relating to the above property. An officer will shortly be appointed to undertake an investigation on your behalf and establish the facts regarding your enquiry.

Officers will consider all planning merits in determining any proposed action and resolving a case will result in one of the following outcomes:

- No further action
- Inviting a retrospective planning application
- Resolution for enforcement notices to be issued.

It is our aim is to resolve a planning enforcement case as expeditiously as possible, however please note if formal action is necessary, due to the complexities of planning law, it can take several months in significant cases to resolve problems. You will be contacted again once appropriate action has been identified by the Council.

Formal enforcement action will usually be commenced when a breach of planning control unacceptably harms public interest or the unauthorised use of land or buildings merits protection in the public interest. Commencement of enforcement action will always be commensurate with the breach of planning control to which it relates and action will not normally be taken to remedy trivial or technical breaches of control which are considered by the Council to cause no significant or detrimental planning harm. Formal action will not normally be progressed whilst a planning application is being determined by the Council or where a "live" appeal has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

The identity of complainants reporting suspected breaches of planning control will be treated as confidential unless the complainant authorise otherwise, or the complainant is required to give evidence at a public hearing, inquiry or court case. The right to privacy under the Human Rights Act 1998 enhances and strengthens the Councils Policy on the protection of complainants. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not override this right to confidentiality and therefore the identity of complainants will not be revealed to third parties, unless any of the circumstances above apply. Where the success of an appeal or prosecution is dependent on evidence being provided by the person who reported the breach of planning control, the Council will discuss with the complainant whether they are willing to relinquish their confidentiality and provide the required evidence before proceeding with formal enforcement action or a prosecution.

Please be aware that first contact with the property owner will include a recommendation that any work is ceased, and confirmation that any continued activity is entirely at their own risk. Their co-operation clearly cannot be guaranteed.

Thank you for your assistance, if you require further information please contact the Council quoting the case reference and location address in this correspondence.

Please note due to the national restrictions relating to COVID-19 the usual service standards and timings for Planning Enforcement are affected. Cases will be prioritised considering the planning risk and harm. No site visits are currently taking place as this is not essential work at this time. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.

Yours faithfully

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