# **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

# PLANNING ENFORCEMENT REPORT -

# 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report provides Members with an update on service performance for planning enforcement during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2024 (1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024).

# 2.0 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT SERVICE PERFORMANCE

2.1 Set out below is a breakdown of figures in relation to received, closed and live cases during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters 2024.

| Number of cases received inc high hedge        | 248 |
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| Total Number of cases closed                   | 338 |
| The total number of current live cases pending | 270 |

- 2.2 A list of all live cases to **20<sup>th</sup> January 2024** can be found at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 As a comparison when last reported there were **354** live cases.
- 2.3 Below is a breakdown of all **338** cases closed during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2024, including the reason for closure.

| Reason                                  | Count |
|---|-------|
| Advertisement Consent Granted           | 1     |
| Case Closed (includes duplicated cases) | 9     |
| Conditions Discharged                   | 12    |
| De minimis                              | 4     |
| Delegated Authority - no further action | 51    |
| Direct action under section 219         | 1     |
| Listed Building Consent granted         | 3     |
| No breach established                   | 100   |
| Notice issued - complied                | 11    |
| Permitted development                   | 23    |
| Planning App Approved                   | 59    |

| Total                              | 338 |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Use/operational development lawful | 5   |
| Remedied following informal action | 48  |
| Referred to other service          | 11  |

2.4 During the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2024 the following formal notices were served:

| Notice  | Count |
|---|-------|
| Enforcement Notice                            | 0     |
| Listed Building Enforcement Notice            | 0     |
| Listed Building Urgent Works Notice           | 0     |
| Planning Contravention Notice                 | 4     |
| Requisition for Information                   | 1     |
| Breach of Condition Notice                    | 0     |
| Stop Notice (excluding Temporary Stop Notice) | 0     |
| Temporary Stop Notice                         | 0     |
| Enforcement Injunction granted                | 0     |
| Section 215 Notice                            | 0     |
| Repairs Notice                                | 0     |
| High Hedge Remedial Notice                    | 5     |
| Tree Replacement Notice                       | 0     |
| Hedgerow replacement Notice                   | 0     |
| Total   | 10    |

- 2.5 In terms of a staff update since the last report, one of the enforcement officers will be reducing her hours of work. However, members should note that this post will be subject to a job share, to ensure the service is staffed at the existing level.
- 2.6 The new structure from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 will be 2 x full time, 2 x part time (18.5 hrs p/w each) enforcement officers, and the team leader.

# 3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That this report is noted.

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