

## PLANNING COMMITTEE – 13 APRIL 2026

### PLANNING ENFORCEMENT REPORT

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#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update on service performance for planning enforcement during the financial year 2025 - 2026 (April 2025 to March 2026).

#### 2.0 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT SERVICE PERFORMANCE

- 2.1 **KPI - % of new enforcement cases actioned within 12 weeks of receipt (85%)**

##### 2025

August – 91.5%  
September – 94.6%  
October – 87.5%  
November – 88.2%  
December – 94.1%

##### 2026

January 91.2%  
February 87.0%

- 2.2 Set out below is a breakdown of figures in relation to received and closed cases during the reporting period, and the current live cases.

<b>Number of cases received inc high hedge</b>	<b>568</b>
<b>Total Number of cases closed</b> (2026)	<b>557</b> (18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026)
<b>The total number of current live cases pending</b> (2026)	<b>289</b> (18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026)

- 2.3 A list of all live cases to **18<sup>th</sup> March 2026** can be found at Appendix 1.
- 2.4 Below is a breakdown of all **557** cases closed during the reporting period, including the reason for closure.

<u>Reason</u>	<u>Count</u>
Advertisement Consent Granted	2
Case Closed (includes duplicated cases)	0
Conditions Discharged	4
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Delegated Authority - no further action	72
Direct action under section 219	1
No breach established	207
Notice issued - complied	18
Permitted development	50
Planning App Approved	97
Prosecution	1
Referred to other service	14
Remedied following informal action	82
Use/operational development lawful	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>557</b>

2.5 During the reporting period the following formal notices were served:

<u>Notice</u>	<u>Count</u>
Enforcement Notice	4
Enforcement Warning 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	6
Stop Notice (excluding Temporary Stop Notice)	0
Temporary Stop Notice	0
Enforcement Injunction granted	0
Section 215 Notice	4
Repairs Notice	0
High Hedge Remedial Notice	0
Tree Replacement Notice	0
Hedgerow replacement Notice	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

### **3.0 Injunctive action**

Due to the non-payment of contributions required by a Section 106 agreement, during 2025 three interim injunctions were authorised by the Courts with this work on-going to secure the outstanding financial obligation.

### **4.0 Staff update**

Since the last report one enforcement officer has reduced her hours of work to 2 ½ days per week from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 and, another officer has been recruited for the remaining 2 ½ days, who started with us from mid-June.

- 4.1 The new structure is 2 x full time, 2 x part time (18.5 hrs p/w each) enforcement officers, and the team leader.

### **5.0 Recommendation**

- 5.1 That this report is noted.

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