APPEAL DECISIONS, CURRENT PLANNING APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENTS

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

1. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

1.1 This report summarises recent appeal decisions, lists current planning appeals and dates for local inquiries and informal hearings, progress upon authorised enforcement action set out by area committee.

2. INFORMATION

2.1 The appeal decisions, details of current appeals and current enforcement action for each committee area are appended.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the report be noted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are no background papers.

Anyone with enquiries relating to planning appeals should telephone the named officer relating to the relevant appeal

Anyone with enquiries relating to enforcement activity should contact Dave Westhead on 0161 474 3520

AGENDA ITEM

PLANNING APPEALS

AREA COMMITTEE: BRAMHALL & CHEADLE HULME SOUTH

Appeal date 20 May 2020

Appeal Procedure Public Inquiry

Original Determination

Level

Nominated Councillor for Appeal (overturns only)

Location Chesters Croft Residential Park, Spath Lane East Cheadle

Proposal Appeal against refusal of to grant a Certificate of Lawful development for the informal recreation and

amenity open space (free from caravans & operational development) associated with the caravan

site.

Case Officer Chris Smyton

Appeal Decision Pending Public Inquiry set for 3 days commencing 26 January 2021, venue to be confirmed.

Waiting for confirmation from PINS that the appeal will be held virtually. Inquiry date commencing 23 January 2021 cancelled checking officer and counsel availability for 13, 14 & 15 April 2021.

Inquiry date set for 20 July 2021. Due to ongoing discussions with the LPA both appeals have been withdrawn the appellant has now obtained the relevant certificate of lawfulness applications and site

licenses which resolve the issues at hand. Both parties to bear their own costs.

Appeal date 11 December 2020

Appeal Procedure Virtual Hearing

Original Determination

Level

Nominated Councillor for Appeal (Overturns Only)

Location

Hillbrook Grange, Ack Lane East, Bramhall

Proposal Appeal against refusal of planning permission for the erection of retirement living accommodation

with associated communal facilities, landscaping and car parking

Case Officer Jane chase

Appeal Decision The appeal is allowed.

Appeal date 24 March 2021

Appeal Procedure Written Representations

Original Determination

Level

Nominated Councillor for Appeal (Overturns Only)

Land off Church Lane, Woodford

Proposal Appeal against refusal of planning permission for the demolition of existing buildings and the

erection of two dwellings with associated works.

Case Officer Jane chase

Appeal Decision Pending

AREA COMMITTEE: CENTRAL STOCKPORT

Appeal date 1 December 2020

Appeal Procedure Written Representations

Original Determination

Level

Nominated Councillor for Appeal (Overturns Only)

Location Land outside Aldi Store, Stockport Road Cheadle Heath

Proposal Appeal against refusal of prior approval of permitted development rights for the installation of a 20m

slimline column supporting 6 antennas, 2 transmission dishes, 1 equipment cabinet and ancillary

development

Case Officer Dan Hewitt

Appeal date 11 March 2021

Appeal Procedure Written Representations Householder Appeal

Original Determination

Level

Nominated Councillor for Appeal (Overturns Only)

Location 56 Bramhall Lane, Davenport

Proposal Appeal against refusal of planning permission for a single story rear extension.

Case Officer Callum Coyne

AREA COMMITTEE: CHEADLE

Appeal date 18 February 2021

Appeal Procedure Written Representations

Original Determination

Level

Nominated Councillor for Appeal (Overturns Only)

Location

Proposal

Land Adjacent to 1 Ash Grove, Heald Green.

Non Determination of Planning Permission for the erection of detached dwelling with associated

parking, landscaping and boundary treatment and change of use of land to residential/curtilage

(unadopted).

Case Officer Rebecca Whitney

AREA COMMITTEE: HEATONS AND REDDISH

Appeal date 9 April 2021

Appeal Procedure Householder Appeal Service – Written Representations

Original Determination

Level

Nominated councillor for Appeal (Overturns Only)

Location 5 Prince Lee Gardens, Heaton Moor

Proposal

Appeal against the refusal of planning permission to replace timber window frames with uPVC

frames.

Case Officer Aimee Whitehead

AREA COMMITTEE: MARPLE

Appeal date 23 April 2020

Appeal Procedure Public Inquiry

Original Determination

Level

Nominated councillor for Appeal (Overturns Only)

Location The Garden House, Lakes Road Marple

Proposal Appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the change of use of land to a mixed use

consisting of an urban farm and educational facility together with the retention of associated

buildings structures and parking areas (retrospective).

Case Officer Mark Jordan

Appeal Decision Pending.

Appeal is linked to enforcement appeal for the same site and will be dealt with as one appeal.

Request by both parties sent to PINS that the inquiry date should be set for no earlier than July

2021. Inquiry date set for 6 July 2021.

AREA COMMITTEE: STEPPING HILL

Appeal date 30 November 2020

Appeal Procedure Written Representations

Original Determination

Level

Nominated Councillor for Appeal (Overturns Only)

Location Land to the rear of 178-184 Lowndes Lane, Offerton

Proposal Appeal against the refusal to vary a condition requiring the provision and maintenance of formal

recreation and childrens play space and facilities and a timetable for implementation and failure to

give notice within the appropriate period.

Case Officer Dan Hewitt

AREA COMMITTEE: WERNETH

Appeal Date 1 December 20020

Appeal Procedure Householder appeal

Original Determination

Level

Nominated Councillor for Appeal (Overturns Only)

Location 123 Werneth Road, Woodley

Proposal Appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the erection of a rear extension and demolition

of existing outbuildings (amendment to application to include timber decking to the rear of the

extension)

Case Officer Rachel Bottomley

Appeal Decision Pending

Appeal Date 1 December 20020

Appeal Procedure Householder appeal

Original Determination

Level

Nominated Councillor for Appeal (Overturns Only)

Location 123 Werneth Road, Woodley

Proposal Appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the erection of green house

Case Officer Rachel Bottomley

Appeal Decision Pending

Appeal Date 17 March 2021

Appeal Procedure Householder appeal

Original Determination

Level

Nominated Councillor for Appeal (Overturns Only)

Location 86A Higher Bents Lane Bredbury

Proposal Appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the installation of electric sliding gates

Case Officer Karyn Clarke

Appeal Decision Pending

ENFORCEMENT APPEALS

AREA COMMITTEE: CENTRAL

None Current

AREA COMMITTEE: BRAMHALL & CHEADLE HULME SOUTH

None Current

AREA COMMITTEE : CHEADLE

Location Breach of Planning Control at the former Standard Chemicals site at Mill Lane, Cheadle

Case Officer Dave Westhead

permission for the development. Following protracted correspondence between the Council and the applicant, an application for an injunction was made to oblige the applicant to cease development and submit a planning application. A Court Order was obtained on 17 December 2019 requiring the applicant to submit a validated planning application by 1 July 2020. Due to the pandemic the Council granted an extension of time to 26 August 2020 and a further extension of time was then granted which will expire on 16 November 2020. Defendants have filed with the High Court to extend compliance period with injunction. Court date not yet known. Land at Mill Lane guilty plea entered by letter on 12th February, however signed by company accountant who cannot do so. Also defendant did not attend. Court cannot deal with matter on this hearing as it cannot remove right to choose venue (Magistrates or Crown Court). Adjourned to 26th April for defendant

to appear and confirm venue and enter plea

Appeal Date 23 September 2020

Appeal Procedure S217 appeal

Location 108 Crossefield Road, Cheadle Hulme

Proposal Appeal against a S215 Enforcement Notice land detrimental to the amenity of the area

Case Officer

Amanda Hopkins

Appeal Decision

Pending. Case listed for 18 February at Stockport Magistrates Court. Appeal withdrawn on date of

hearing, work has been carried out to comply with the notice.

Appeal Date

29 March 2021

Appeal Procedure

Written Representations

Location

5 Mona Avenue, Heald Green

Proposal

Without the benefit of planning permission the material change in the use of the land from a dwellinghouse to a mixed use as a dwellinghouse and a use for the repair of motor vehicles.

Case Officer

Amanda Hopkins

Appeal Decision

Pending.

AREA COMMITTEE: HEATONS & REDDISH

None Current

AREA COMMITTEE: MARPLE

Appeal Date 22 August 2017

Appeal Procedure Public Inquiry

Location The Garden House, Lakes Road Marple

Proposal Without the benefit of planning permission, the material change in the use of land to a visitor

attraction including the formation of hard surfaced areas; provision of wooden buildings for uses in connection with the visitor attraction including (but not limited to) toilet facilities, café, stables, community rooms, animal housing & storage; shipping containers; goods vehicle bodies, play

equipment and a mobile home.

Case Officer Dave Westhead

Appeal Decision Following the refusal of the retrospective planning application on the above site the Council has

fully considered its options and as a result it will be withdrawing the current enforcement notice and serving a new notice which address all breaches of planning control, including further breaches

which have occurred since the service of the notice.

Appeal is linked to appeal against refusal of planning permission for the same site and will be dealt

with as one appeal.

Request by both parties sent to PINS that the inquiry date should be set for no earlier than July

2021.that inquiry will be held remotely. Inquiry date set for 6 July 2021.

AREA COMMITTEE: STEPPING HILL

Appeal Date 4 February 2021

Appeal Procedure Written Representations

Location 147 Stansbury Place, Offerton,

Proposal Appeal against and Enforcement Notice without the benefit of planning permission the

construction of a fence over 1 metre in height adjacent to the highway used by vehicular

traffic.

Case Officer Dave Westhead

AREA COMMITTEE: WERNETH

Appeal Date 17 August 2020

Appeal Procedure Written Representations

Location 43 Queens Avenue, Bredbury

Proposal Appeal against High hedge Notice

Case Officer Dave Westhead

Appeal Decision Pending.

ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

AREA COMMITTEE: BRAMHALL & CHEADLE HULME SOUTH

Action Enforcement Notice Served

Location 67 Earle Road, Bramhall

Description Unauthorised 2nd floor rear extension

Case Officer Amanda Hopkins

Notice Served Date 10th July 2018

Compliance Date 28th February 2019. Following dismissal of a planning appeal concerning the same property,

compliance date now 30/4/19. Notice not complied with, prosecution file being prepared.

Appeal against refusal of planning permission dismissed, notice not complied. Prosecution

proceeding – not guilty plea entered;

Court date 25 February 2021. Trial date set for 12 July 2021.

Action High Hedge Notice Served

Location Land to the rear of 3 Nimrod Grove, Woodford

Description A high hedge causing significant obstruction of daylight & sunlight to the rear of 3 Nimrod Grove.

Case Officer Debbie Whitney.

Notice Served Date 04/12/19

Compliance Date If no appeal is submitted compliance, date is 31/03/20.

Variation Notice served on 25 March 2020 allowing 11 months from the date of service to comply with initial action. Land ownership has changed. Still being pursued, awaiting up to date land

registry details.

AREA COMMITTEE: CENTRAL STOCKPORT

Action Enforcement Notice Served

Location 287 Wellington Road South, Heaviley

Description Untidy Land

Case Officer Dave Westhead

Notice Served Date 19th December 2016

Compliance Date Further action pending.

The owners of the land are subject to a freezing order on their accounts under the provisions of the Proceeds of Crime Act. At this time the Crown Prosecutor will not allow any funds to be released to carry out works to building. They therefore have a defence to any prosecution in that the actions of a 3rd party are preventing compliance. Council is investigating options to deal with

the condition of the building.

Action Enforcement Notice Served

Location Mac Court, St. Thomas Place, Stockport

Description Enforcement notice to build gable wall in compliance with approved plans

Case Officer Dave Westhead

Notice Served Date 2/5/17

Compliance Date

Notice not complied with and after considering all options Council has prosecuted for a failure to comply with notice. First court date 21/5/19. Not guilty plea entered adjourned to 11/2/2020 for trial. New date following defence request for adjournment. Awaiting court date following covid restrictions on trials. Trial date now set for 20 October 2020.

The owners of the flats in Mac Court have now via their own management company purchased the freehold of the land from the developer, the land was transferred for free to allow for them to use money that would have been used for purchase to comply with notice. Owners are in active discussions with Council to fully comply.

The prosecution was against the former owner and was done as part of requiring compliance with the enforcement notice. As he now no longer has involvement and does not own the land, following discussions with the Councils Legal Services the prosecution has been formally discontinued. A trial would have been expensive to the Council and whilst we could technically still prosecute the previous owner, he is not now in a position to comply. Meeting held between new owners (owners of flats), appointed builder, enforcement and conservation. Following this work to complete gable will commence in April 2021

Action Enforcement Notice Served

Location 36 The Crescent, Davenport

Description Without the benefit of planning permission, the installation of gates and posts (over 1 metre in

height) adjacent to a highway and within the Egerton Road / Frewland Avenue Conservation Area

Case Officer Amanda Hopkins

Notice Served Date 13/08/19 effective from 13/10/19

Compliance Date Appealed.

Appeal dismissed, compliance by 2 April 2021. Not complied with, prosecution file being prepared.

Action Enforcement Notice Served

Location Go Outdoors 207 Stockport Road, Cheadle Heath

Description Without the benefit of planning control, the installation of silver anti-vandal spin guards to an

existing 2 metre high black paladin fence.

Case Officer Debbie Whitney

Notice Served Date 18 August 2020

Compliance Date 18 January 2021 Notice not complied with Prosecution file prepared and being sent to legal. With

court backlog first court date not expected before July 2021. Notice complied with.

Action S215 Enforcement Notice Served

Location The former Greyhound Public House, Bowden Street Edgeley

Description Land detrimental to the amenity of the area.

Case Officer Dave Westhead

Notice Served Date 10 December 2020

Compliance Date 10 April 2021

Action Breach of Condition Notice Served

Location Units 8 To 11 (inclusive), Lindsays Industrial Estate, Oakfield Road, Davenport,

The failure to comply with condition 2 of planning permission DC/072964 which states:- The

approved containers and refuse storage and associated approved screening shall be removed from the site and the land cleared and restored no later than 07 June 2020, in accordance with

details to be first approved in writing with the local planning authority.

Case Officer Debbie Whitney

Notice Served Date 27 January 2021

Compliance Date 27 June 2021, work to construct building has commenced on site. As such amenity issues will be

resolved. Site to be monitored.

Action Enforcement Notice Served

Location 314B Buxton Road, Great Moor

Description Without the benefit of planning permission, the removal of a shop front to the ground floor front

elevation

Case Officer Dave Westhead

Notice Served Date 28 January 2021

Compliance Date 26 August 2021

AREA COMMITTEE: CHEADLE

Compliance Date 18/12/20

Action S 215 Enforcement Notice Served

Location 106 Crossefield Road, Cheadle Hulme

Description Land detrimental to the amenity of the area

Case Officer Amanda Hopkins

Notice Served Date 2 July 2020

Compliance Date 28 December 2020. Pending appeal in relation to 108 further action paused pending appeal

decision as issues are similar. Following withdraw of appeal at 108 owner to be written to and

required to comply within 3 months. Not complied with prosecution file being prepared.

Action S 215 Enforcement Notice Served

73 Crossefield Road, Cheadle Hulme

Description Land detrimental to the amenity of the area

Case Officer Amanda Hopkins

Notice Served Date 2 July 2020

Compliance Date 28 December 2020. Pending appeal in relation to 108 further action paused pending appeal

decision as issues are similar. Following withdraw of appeal at 108 owner to be written to and

required to comply within 3 months. Not complied with, prosecution file being prepared.

Action S 215 Enforcement Notice Served

Location 108 Crossefield Road, Cheadle Hulme

Description Land detrimental to the amenity of the area

Case Officer Amanda Hopkins

Notice Served Date 2 July 2020

Compliance Date 28 December 2020. Owner has appealed the Notice. In Magistrates court on 18 February 2021.

Appeal withdrawn and notice complied with.

Action Enforcement Notice Served
5 Mona Avenue, Heald Green

Description Without the benefit of planning permission the material change in the use of the land from a

dwellinghouse to a mixed use as a dwellinghouse and a use for the repair of motor vehicles.

Case Officer Amanda Hopkins

Notice Served Date 22 January 2021

Compliance Date 20 May 2021. Appeal submitted.

AREA COMMITTEE: HEATONS & REDDISH

Action Enforcement Notice

Location 604 Didsbury Road, Heaton Mersey Stockport.

Description Material change of use of garage to a single dwellinghouse.

Case Officer Dave Westhead

Notice Served Date 19/5/2020

Compliance Date 21/2/2021

Notice served during Covid period to protect the Council and to stop the enforcement clock as breach may be approaching 4 years at which point it would become lawful. To take account of restrictions Council allowed a period of 3 months before the notice became effective rather than 1 month. This is to allow developer to obtain his own advice. Compliance period expires on 21/2/2021 to ensure that the occupier is not made homeless during current covid situation which is in keeping with Ministerial Statement and to allow for alternative accommodation to be found. Following positive discussions beween the owner and the Council an application which will overcome the reasons for service of the notice will be submitted. The Notice has now been varied so that it become effective on 19/12/20. This allows for the application to be submitted and determined without the need to deal with an appeal. The compliance date will be extended by 4 months. Valid application to vary condition received. Matter with case officer. Notice effective date further extended to 19/2/2021 as app will go to committee following objections made. Application withdrawn and new one submitted. Notice withdrawn to allow proper consideration of new application. Council can re-serve a notice if required. Planning permission now granted. Breach resolved.

Location 7 Peel Moat Road, Heaton Moor

Description Reinstatement of boundary gates within a Conservation Area.

Case Officer Amanda Hopkins

Notice Served Date 28 October 2019

Compliance Date Compliance by 28 February 2020. Notice not complied with but extension allowed due to Covid-

19 situation. Owner has demonstrated he has quotes from several specialists to manufacture new

gates. If notice not complied with within approx. one month a prosecution will be considered.

Given the high number of new and continuing cases a prosecution will be considered in 2021. Property has been sold and new owner has contacted the Council. He is aware that the notice is

in place and that he is liable for compliance. He will deal with this as a priority.

AREA COMMITTEE: MARPLE

Action Enforcement Notice Served

Location Land at Lakes Road, Marple (The Garden House),

Description

Without the benefit of planning permission, the material change in the use of land to a visitor

attraction including the formation of hard surfaced areas; provision of wooden buildings for uses in connection with the visitor attraction including (but not limited to) toilet facilities, café, stables, community rooms, animal housing & storage; shipping containers; goods vehicle bodies, play

equipment and a mobile home.

Case Officer Dave Westhead

Notice Served Date 13th June 2017

Compliance Date Following the refusal of the retrospective planning application on the above site the Council has

fully considered its options and as a result it will be withdrawing the current enforcement notice and serving a new notice which address all breaches of planning control, including further

breaches which have occurred since the service of the notice.

UPDATE New notice served 31/10/18 requiring compliance of the following steps:-

- 1. Cease the use of the land as a visitor attraction/urban farm and educational facility.
- 2. Dismantle and remove from the land all buildings, except for the remains of the Garden House.
- 3. Remove all hard surfaces constructed to support or be used as floors for the buildings from the land
- 4. Remove from the land all shipping containers and goods vehicle bodies
- 5. Remove the building consisting of a wooden clad mobile home from the land including all decking steps and other external ancillary structures used to facilitate the use of it.
- 6. Remove all play equipment and the zip wire from the land
- 7. Remove all pipework, wiring or other equipment used to supply water to the buildings on the land, remove waste or foul water from the buildings or supply gas or electricity to the buildings from the land
- 8. Remove from the land all storage tanks used to store fresh or foul water including all ancillary structures used to support or contain the tanks.
- 9. Remove from the land all tanks used to store fuel oil or other liquids including all ancillary structures used to support or contain the tanks.
- 10. Remove from the land all gas bottles
- 11. Remove from the land (both the upper and lower levels) and dispose of at a licenced waste disposal site all materials including (but not limited) to cold planings used to create hard surface areas.
- 12. Break up the soil in the areas where the materials used to form the hard surface have been removed from and seed with a meadow grass mixture
- 13. Remove all advertisements relating to the Garden House and/or its use as a visitor attraction.

TIME FOR COMPLIANCE:

- Steps 1 & 13 31st December 2018.
- Steps 2 to 12 31st May 2019.
- Public Inquiry set for 3 days from 13 January 2021 venue to be confirmed. Waiting for confirmation from PINS that inquiry will be held remotely.

 Request by both parties sent to PINS that the inquiry date should be set for no earlier than July 2021 Inquiry date set for 6 July 2021.

Action Enforcement Notice Served

Location 144 Stockport Road, Marple

Description Without the benefit of planning permission the construction of a hard surfaced area to the front of

current caseloads this will now be listed for trial in February 2022.

144 Stockport Road, Marple, Stockport to facilitate a vehicle access/parking area from a classified

road.

Case Officer Dave Westhead

Notice Served Date 20 June 2018

Compliance Date

Initially 22 October 2018 however following committal of developer to prison for 9 months

following conviction for benefit froud period to be extended to allow 2 months after release

following conviction for benefit fraud period to be extended to allow 2 months after release. Letter giving 2 months sent on 4/2/19 compliance is therefore 4/4/19. Council to follow up and report for next committee. Notice not complied with. Prosecution file prepared. Case to be heard at Warrington Magistrates Court on 04/10/19. Not guilty plea entered and defendant has elected Crown Court Trail. Plea and direction hearing at Liverpool Crown Court 1/11/19. Case adjourned for trial at Liverpool Crown Court on 18th may 2020 (3 day trial). Now adjourned to 9th & 10th November for trial. Trial adjourned as listed as a floating trial and did not have an allocated court, no court was available due to the restricted number of courts in use. New trial date, week commencing 19 April 2021. Mrs. Howell contacted the court by video link and give medical reasons why she could not attend court. After consideration the judge has vacated the trial, given

Action Enforcement Notice served

Location Land at Wybersley Road, High lane

Description Without the benefit of planning permission the material change in use of the land for the

importation, sorting, storage & disposal of waste.

Case Officer Dave Westhead

Notice Served Date 12 November 2020

Compliance Date Step 1 one month, steps 2 & 3 seven months. Step 1 complied with.

STEPPING HILL AREA COMMITTEE

Action High Hedge Notice served

Location 4 Hornsea Road, Offerton

DescriptionHedge the height of which is taking light and sunlight from garden of complainant's property.

Case Officer Debbie Whitney

Notice Served Date 20/03/2020

Compliance Date 21/12/2020 - Covid secure site visit to be carried out. Notice complied with.

Action Enforcement Notice Served

Location 147 Stansbury Place, Offerton.

Description Without the benefit of planning permission the erection of a fence over 1 metre in height adjacent

to the highway.

Case Officer Dave Westhead

Notice Served Date 9 November 2020

Compliance Date 8 June 2021 Appeal submitted awaiting Start Letter. Start letter received and Councils statement

submitted. It is envisaged that the Inspectorate decision will be received in July/August.

AREA COMMITTEE: WERNETH

Location Land at Hillside Farm, Werneth Low Road, Romiley

Description Enforcement notice to demolish unauthorised building in the green belt

Case Officer Dave Westhead

Notice Served Date

Compliance Date

11th February 2019 following dismissal of appeal. Application for potential alternative use

submitted, Council to consider application.

The application needs to be a Committee decision, due to both the number of objections and support lodged against it. A planning report was on the agenda for the Werneth Area Committee in July but was deferred by Cllrs following a request from the applicant. We are currently awaiting further details from the applicant.

Planning permission has been granted. Whilst planning permission has been granted it has not yet been implemented, the notice therefore remains in place until the permission is implemented.

Action Enforcement Notice Served

Location 123 Werneth Road, Woodley

Case Officer Dave Westhead

Enforcement Notice served to remove unauthorised rear extension. Notice served 20/12/19

effective 20/01/20.

20/07/20. Owner submitted an application for alternative smaller extension along with removal of

several outbuildings. Application was granted. To allow for work to be carried out as one action and given covid restrictions notice compliance date extended to 1 May 2021.

Compliance Date

Description

Action High Hedge Remedial Notice

Location 43 Queens Avenue Bredbury

Case Officer Dave Westhead

High Hedge Remedial Notice served on 21/01/20 requiring hedge forming the boundary with 42

Newlyn Drive to be reduced to 2 metres. Notice becomes effective on 20/02/20.

Compliance Date 31/10/20. Appeal submitted.

Action Tree Replacement Notice

Location Land adjacent to Unity Mills, Poleacre Lane, Woodley

Dave Westhead

Case Officer

Description

Description

Plant a mixture of 100 native woodland trees as 2 year old whips of a minimum size of 40 centimetres in a random pattern at 2 metre intervals.

6th March 2020 – replant is required to take place within 12 months of 11th March 2019. The usual time for planting is between the end of September and the end of March.

The owner of the land was prosecuted and convicted for cutting down 34 trees in a woodland TPO and a subsequent replant notice was served requiring the plantation of a mixture of 100 native woodland trees as 2 year old whips (each whip is to be supported with a cane and protected with a commercially available rabbit tube for a period of 3 years). The compliance date was mid-April. However, due to Covid restrictions and difficult access with locked gates meaning the land owner needed to attend, a site visit was not arranged until 12 August 2020 (when it was arranged that the landowner would allow safe access under Covid-19 guidelines and then remain

off the site while officers inspected.

The owner has been contacted and required to provide covid safe access to land on 12 August 2020 follow up to be provided after site visit.

Owner did not attend on site. Second letter sent for access on 26 August 2020. No response was received. Contact has now been made with the owner's agent rather than directly and he has confirmed that he will try to arrange access. If this course of action is non-productive, the Council will consider applying for a warrant to enter the land. Deadline for replanting is 31 January 2021.

The owner has been in contact and confirmed that he had a company employed to carry out the works week commencing 4 January 2021, however following the Prime Ministers announcement of a full lockdown nationwide the company will not be able to complete the works in this time period.

At present a provisional date of 15th February has been provided to carry out the planting, however this is dependent on the vaccine role out and a reduction in restrictions, if this is not possible a further date of 15th March has provisionally been booked.

Action Stop Notice and Enforcement Notice

Location Land at Mill Lane, Romiley

Case Officer Dave Westhead

Without the benefit of planning permission the material change in the use of the land for the importation, sorting, storage and disposal of soil, building rubble and other materials.

Description

Stop Notice compliance by 3 June 2019, Enforcement Notice compliance by 1 July 2019. Whilst the Notice was initially complied with a prosecution file was prepared following a breach.

Compliance Date

Prosecution file with Legal. Legal are waiting for a court date. 1st Court date 12 February 2021 this is a holding date in order to issue a summons in time, on this date the case will be adjourned.