

EXETER CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE 16 JANUARY 2012

ENFORCEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on enforcement matters.

2.0 CASES OPENED AND CLOSED BETWEEN 14 NOVEMBER 2011 AND 19 DECEMBER 2011

Cases opened: 10

Cases closed: 14

Outstanding number of cases: 97

3.0 NOTICES ISSUED

- 3.1 ENF/11/30 – Little Italia, 106 Cowick Street, Exeter – Enforcement Notice issued on 14 December 2011 for the installation of raised timber decking with timber posts and ropes, creating two seating areas at the front of the premises.



- 3.2 The Notice requires the owner to:

- (a) Dismantle the timber decking, posts and ropes and remove them from the property
- (b) Remove from the property all materials or debris resulting from compliance with step (a)

- 3.3 The Notice comes into effect on 18 January 2011 and gives a period of twelve months for compliance.

4.0 NOTICES COMPLIED WITH

4.1 None.

5.0 CURRENT APPEALS

5.1 ENF/10/23 - 6 Florida Drive, Exeter – Enforcement Notice issued on 6 June 2011 for a change of use of land providing a visual amenity for the public benefit, to land forming part of the private garden of the dwelling. An appeal was submitted on 26 July 2011 and is being dealt with by written representations. The Council's statement was submitted on 11 August 2011. The Inspector's decision is now awaited.

5.2 ENF/11/20 – Chunky Monkey, Weircliffe Park, St Andrew Road, Exeter – Enforcement Notice issued on 21 October 2011 for a change of use of part of the premises from industrial/workshop purposes to use as a single dwelling for residential purposes. An appeal was submitted on 30 November 2011 and is being dealt with by written representations. The Council's statement is due on 19 January 2012.

6.0 ENFORCEMENT APPEAL DECISIONS

6.1 None

7.0 OTHER ISSUES

7.1 ENF/11/58 – 19 New North Road, Exeter – Unauthorised works to two copper beech trees within a Conservation Area. A decision has been taken by Legal Services to instigate prosecution proceedings in the Magistrates Court, a date for the hearing is now awaited.

7.2 Members are also advised that further works have taken place during November to ring-bark a third copper beech tree on site. Again, the Council was not notified of these works, and as a result, a tree preservation order has now been placed on the fourth copper beech tree on site.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

8.1 That this report be noted.

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Local Government (Access to Information) 1985 (as amended).
Background papers used in compiling the report: none.