

Planning enforcement update

Publishing Planning Enforcement Notices has been a way to keep DC committee members aware of what enforcement activity has taken place by the planning enforcement officers. However, this does not reflect the overall enforcement activity undertaken within the wider development management team and the dedicated enforcement staff.

As well as continuing to provide DC committee members with details of Planning Enforcement Notices served, the below table provides an indication of the workload being handled within the team, including data on volumes of work and types of reasons for case closures.

Enforcement case statistics April 2025 – to date

1/4/25 – 5/12/2025

Cases registered: 417

Cases Closed: 356

Notices issued: 2

COUNT	REASON FOR CLOSURE
125	No breach of planning control occurring
88	Not expedient to pursue
46	Closed for miscellaneous reason
33	Minor breach
30	Breach - Resolved through negotiation
29	Breach - Application submitted
5	Breach - Resolved by notice/prosecution
356	TOTAL

*i.e. where no or very limited planning harm is found; or it is not in the wider public interest to take further action. In such cases the team would, for example, invite a planning application to regularise the situation.

** These are often referred to other departments of the council better placed to address and rectify; or concern complaints about Council owned properties which limits our options