

Meeting	Planning & Highways Committee
Date	16 th February 2021
Report Title	Planning Enforcement Issues
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Officer's Recommendation

To note the ongoing issues and to request Councillors email Planning Enforcement issues directly with photographs and evidence of the issues raised. Subject heading for all emails 'Planning Enforcement Issue: Address X' and copy the Clerks in who will keep a log and update this report as required. Planningenforcement@swindon.gov.uk

Issues raised to SBC Planning Enforcement – January/ February 2021

54a High Street	Issue with the extension being built. Pictures and request sent to Planning Enforcement. Matter raised by resident to Councillor Baker Lee end of January 21. Request sent to enforcement end of January. Awaiting a response.
1a The Brow	Issues with regards to permitted development and developer flouting the rules. Councillor D Renard is also investigating the case and have received a response. Neighbour affected has complained to MP and SBC. Parish Council continues to query the ongoing development and is strongly objecting to the application.
44 – 46 High Street	Issues with the driveway being split. Councillor L Brown escalated to enforcement 6 months ago and Clerk sent in July 2020. No response. Deputy Clerk escalated again January 2021.
Thames Avenue / The Broadway	Issue with building waste and works being done at the top of Thames Avenue – property is outside of parish but works affecting the road verge on Thames Avenue. Matter raised by Councillor Rodgers in December. January chased. February sent to a different department. Clerk copied in SBC COO to see if this will expedite the issue?Update 10 th Feb – resident fined for skip and instructed to reinstate turf.
13 Clary	Concerns from resident developers have taken some public land and cut back council hedging. POST investigating and will forward to enforcement if required.



Generic COVID-19 Response from SBC Planning Enforcement

“Due to the current circumstances we find ourselves in with the most recent Covid-19 national lockdown, we are now following government guidance Officers are working from home to reduce and cease any unnecessary travelling, meetings and are being respectful of the social distancing and ‘stay indoors’ advice given by the Prime Minister and the government.

At this time, only limited site visits are being undertaken, unless there is an imminent risk to public safety (e.g. excavating contaminated land), and this is reviewed on a weekly basis, depending on what directive or guidance we are given by government. We are endeavouring to progress investigations to the best of our ability whilst adhering to current advice however, we will not require persons to put themselves at risk or to breach government guidance to resolve minor breaches of planning control.

Therefore, please be advised it may be some considerable time (maybe several weeks) before we can visit the site, progress this enquiry fully or ask for other people to carry out works (where necessary).

In order to assist us please can you provide photographs of the building/structure to allow us to make an initial assessment of your enquiry. We will only be able to progress with this enquiry once we have received the photographs. The photographs should be sufficient to allow us to assess its approximate dimension, location to the boundary and the materials used in its construction.”