

World of Planning November 2015

Enforcement Exercise

For the purposes of this exercise you are taking the role of a Council's Planning Enforcement Officer.

Please read the following note in conjunction with the background information (site plan with added notes) and make notes in respect of the questions below. We have allowed 15 minutes for this part of the exercise after which we will facilitate a group feedback session.

Enforcement Complaint Received – North Manor Farm, Nowhere

Approximately 350 metres to the north-west of North Manor Farm at the edge of the village of Nowhere is a field of approximately 2 hectares in a prominent position on the slope of a hill, clearly visible from the surrounding roads.

On the 2nd December 2012 some residents in the village noticed that solid, wooden panel fencing, 2 metres high was being erected with a new, gated access to the road. Building blocks had been delivered to the field.

They complained to the Planning Department and also got in touch with some of the Parish Councillors.

A Parish Council meeting was scheduled for the following day so the matter was considered as an emergency item. A complaint was then made to the Planning Department about what was going on at North Manor Farm.

Over the next 7 days the following activities took place:-

- one mobile home was delivered to the site, no attempt was made to fix it to the ground, but it looked like an area of land was being levelled-off to make a standing for it.
- a concrete base was laid measuring approximately 28.5m x 5m.
- some building work has started
- a trench was dug for the drainage as piping was alongside leading to an excavation with the sewerage tank nearby.
- hard-core was put down by the entrance.

Questions

- 1. List what breaches of planning control may have occurred on this site.**
- 2. What action may you take next?**