

Progress of Enforcement Cases

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Location	Alleged Breach of Planning Control	Progress/Update summary.
South Oxfordshire District Council		
Land at Lower Icknield Way, Chinnor	Unauthorised deposit of waste	Waste soil and rubble not removed following previous housing development. Planning Contravention Notice (PCN) served. After recent threat of enforcement notice, waste has been removed to an authorised site, and land restored to previous condition. Case closed.
Land adj. Sewage Works, Clifton Hampton	Unauthorised deposit of waste	Waste soil; construction and demolition waste and wood deposited on hardstanding adjacent to the Culham Science Park. PCN served. Maintain watching brief.
Former MOD Warehouse, Pyrton Lane, Watlington	Unauthorised waste operations	Waste wood and carpet have been brought to the site, stored and processed (chipped) without planning permission. A PCN has been served. The waste activity ceased. Enforcement proceedings held in abeyance pending the clearance of the land. Maintain watching brief.
Vale of White Horse		
Swannybrook Farm, Abingdon Road, Kingston Bagpuize	Breach of Conditions – concrete crushing; operating beyond site boundary; excessive HGV movements; excessive stockpile height.	Waste operations were being carried out outside of the site boundary of the permitted waste soils recycling site, unauthorised use of concrete crusher, excessive height of stockpiles and excessive number of HGVs. Retrospective Planning applications MW.0135/19 & MW.0134/19 were submitted by the operator to regularise the unauthorised activities. Following a resolution to grant planning permission (October 2020) by OCC P & R Committee, (subject to a legal agreement relating to routeing of HGV's), upon completion and signing of the routeing agreement, new planning permissions with updated conditions for enhanced control of the site were issued. The site is now governed by the new

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		planning permissions. Ongoing site visits (including a recent (June 2021) joint visit with the Environment Agency) have taken place. Maintain watching brief/ formal monitoring.
Cherwell		
Lower Nill Farm, Hook Norton Road	Unauthorised deposit of waste.	A planning enforcement notice (EN) was served requiring the cessation of importation of waste and the removal of previously imported waste from the agricultural land. The EN was not appealed by the landowner and therefore came into effect 15 th March 2021. Whilst importation of waste onto the land has ceased in line with the requirements of the EN, the removal of waste from the site has not yet taken place. The County Council is considering the expediency of prosecution proceedings to effect the removal of materials from site. This consideration will take into account the impact Covid 19 Lockdowns may have had on the ability of the landowner to organise the removal. Ultimately, should the materials not be removed from the land in line with the requirements of the EN, a criminal prosecution could be initiated. The landowner is continuing to be pressed on this matter, and ongoing monitoring of the site (including on possible unauthorised mineral extraction) continues to take place.
Shipton-on-Cherwell Quarry	Breach of Conditions – development not to plan; the deadline for the cessation of mineral extraction; import of aggregates, submission of aftercare schemes; breach of the approved mineral extraction area; breach of the depth of mineral working; submission of restoration schemes	Following a PCN being served on the operator in March 2020, a breach of conditions Enforcement Notice was served on the operator and all those with an interest in the land on 31/07/2020. The EN alleges breaches of Conditions 1,2,3,39,46,47 and 50 of planning permission ref MW.0001/19 dated 22/03/2019. The operator made an appeal against the EN to the Planning Inspectorate which has suspended the effect and requirements of the EN until the case is heard and decision reached by the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspectorate had originally timetabled the appeal to be heard June 29 th -30 th 2021 by way of a hearing. This hearing was postponed at the agreement of the Planning Inspectorate given the EN appeal was agreed to be linked to a Section 78 planning appeal (refusal of planning permission) for a proposed south eastern extension at the Shipton-on Cherwell Quarry (and for which evidence has more recently been put forward by the Environment Agency). Alongside these developments in the cases, the appellant operator of the site has again requested to the Planning Inspectorate that this enforcement and linked Section

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		78 appeal be heard via Public Inquiry. This request has most recently been denied by the Planning Inspectorate and instead, a 3 day appeal hearing will take place. We are now awaiting the revised dates for the hearing. In the meantime, the site is subject to ongoing monitoring and any necessary further enforcement action kept under review.
Land off Pound Lane, Sibford Gower	Unauthorised waste disposal on agricultural land.	PCNs have been served on the landowners of agricultural land in respect of alleged unauthorised waste disposal. Early contact with the landowners has resulted in waste disposal on the land ceasing and an early commitment to remove the waste materials from the land to an authorised site. The Environment Agency were informed by the County Council and are also taking action through their powers under the Environmental Protection Act. Ongoing monitoring of the site. Further enforcement action to be kept under review if waste materials are not voluntarily removed.
Land south of Barford Road, South Newington	Unauthorised deposit of waste	Waste soils imported on land from a development site in Hook Norton to fill a lake on agricultural land. PCN Served. The landowner asserts that the import of material is required to provide for an area of hard surface (for the storage of hay and straw), which is permitted development under Class A of Part 6 to Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015. The case was reported to the Environment Agency for their investigation. Investigations ongoing, maintain a watching brief.
Stratton Audley Quarry	Unauthorised deposit of waste and on-going breach of planning conditions – failure to restore	The site was required to be restored by 31 st December 2008. OCC has ten years from that date in which to bring enforcement proceedings for on-going breach of planning control as reported to Planning & Regulation Committee on 29 th October 2018. Enforcement Notice was served and withdrawn. Planning application MW.0120/18 was submitted by the landowner seeking to allow extension of time for the completion of the restoration and withdrawn. In both cases this was by agreement pending submission of a further application to address the need for a revised restoration scheme taking into account the presence of protected habitats and species. Pre-application discussions are to be held with a view to a further application being submitted by 28 th February

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		2022. If no application is forthcoming and determined by December 2022 then a further enforcement notice would have to be served.
West Oxfordshire		
Land at 'Park Field', Tracey Barn Farm (North of Green Lane), Great Tew, Chipping Norton.	Unauthorised mineral extraction (quarrying) and waste infilling.	A Temporary Stop Notice (TSN) was served on the landowner and operator on 20 th May 2021 requiring the cessation of ' <i>The winning and working of mineral and any other activity carried out as part of, or associated with, the winning and working of mineral on the land; the removal of extracted minerals from the land; the importation and disposal of waste material onto the land</i> '. Further extraction and infill of this large and entirely unauthorised quarry was brought to an immediate halt following the service of this TSN. Meeting and negotiations with the landowner before the TSN expired in time have led to a written commitment not to further extract materials or infill the resultant void, pending a retrospective planning application seeking to regularise the development being submitted to and considered by the County Council.
Ethos (William Wyatt's Yard), Standlake Industrial Park	Unauthorised waste operations	Stockpiling and removal of previous deposit of unauthorised waste. PCN served. Immune from enforcement action. Site is continuing to be monitored by the Monitoring & Enforcement team in case of resurrection of waste importation.
Land West of Fish Hill Farm, Drakes Lane	Unauthorised disposal of waste	A small uncovered pit filled with a significant amount of waste bottles and cans with an adjacent larger area of spoil. PCN served. Landowner confirmed that stripping back of topsoil and excavation to improve the drainage of land is carried out and no import of waste took place. Fly-tipping of waste bottles and cans removed with evidence of proper disposal. Maintain a watching brief.
Manor Farm, High Street, Great Rollright	Unauthorised quarrying and deposit of waste	PCN served on the landowner and the operator. Ongoing monitoring to ensure no further waste importation or mineral extraction. Further formal enforcement action being kept under review.