

Enforcement Process

Once a complaint has been investigated and a breach identified, depending on the severity of the breach a number of things may happen. The Council may decide on a number of different courses of action. It may:

- Negotiate a satisfactory solution
- Seek submission of a retrospective planning permission
- If no application is forthcoming or the breach is serious then the Council may decide to serve an Enforcement or other notice which will require works or actions to be undertaken in order to remedy the breach
- No action taken. If the harm resulting from a breach of planning control is considered 'minor' no action may be justified. As enforcement is a discretionary power any action must be clearly justified and expedient. Whatever actions are taken both parties will be kept informed throughout the investigation