

## **Planning Enforcement Update.**

Application no: 08/00248/UNDEV  
Address: Parcel 4324, Limeburn Hill, Chew Magna,  
Bristol  
Details: Bath and North East Somerset  
Unauthorised development of the Land  
comprising the construction of a straw bale  
house  
Enforcement Notice: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012

### **Summary**

An Enforcement Notice was served on the owner/occupier of the land on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012 following the failure to negotiate a remedy to the breach of planning control. The Notice required the straw bale building to be demolished and removed from the land within 6 months. The appellant failed to comply with the requirements of the Notice thus committing a criminal offence pursuant to Section 179 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. As a result the investigation became a criminal investigation and on two occasions the Councils Enforcement Officer attempted to interview the appellant under caution, but this was unsuccessful due to the lack of cooperation of the appellant.

The matter was brought to Bath Magistrates Court on January 22nd 2014. At Court, the appellant admitted his guilt to the offence and was found guilty and fined £300 by Magistrates.

Enforcement Officers will re-attend the Land in the middle of March 2014 to check if the straw bale house has been removed as required by the Enforcement Notice. Should it remain, the Council will attempt to bring the appellant back before the Courts.