Briefing Note to Parishes Liaison Meeting 19th October 2011

Enforcement Performance

Enforcement Investigations summary

| | April 2008- March 2009 | April 2009- March 2010 | Apr 2010- March 2011 | April 2011 - September 2011 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Investigations launched | 794 | 769 | 675 | 293 |
| Investigations closed | 728 | 817 | 822 | 316 |
| Enforcement Notices issued | 27 | 9 | 15 | 2 |
| Planning Contravention Notices served | 28 | 25 | 14 | 12 |
| Temporary Stop Notices issued | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Breach of Condition Notices served | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

It is worth noting that of all the investigations launched, a number of them will be unfounded because they are not a breach of planning regulations. For those that are founded, the emphasis will be to seek a negotiated resolution. The number of formal enforcement notices issued, therefore, represents a very small proportion of total cases and Government advice is that such action should only be used where other courses of intervention have not been successful.

The overall numbers of cases which were closed over the last two and a half years exceeds the number of investigations which have been launched. This may be explained by the fact that a number of historical cases have been closed during this period.

Type of enforcement complaints alleging breaches of planning control received between April 2011-September 2011

| Type of complaint | Number of complaints received |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Advertisement | 35 |
| Works to trees | 1 |
| Demolition works | 2 |
| Listed building works | 27 |
| Condition Non-compliance | 46 |
| Untidy land | 6 |
| Unauthorised use | 45 |
| Unauthorised development | 130 |
| Waste | 1 |

Enforcement appeals summary

| | April 2008- March 2009 | April 2009- March 2010 | Apr 2010- March 2011 | April 2011 - September 2011 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Appeals received | 10 | 12 | 5 | 1 |
| Appeals dismissed | 7 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| Appeals that were withdrawn | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Appeals that have been allowed | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

The Council has lost only two enforcement appeals over the last three and a half years. During the same period twenty appeals have been dismissed and nine appeals have been withdrawn.