

Little Gaddesden Parish Council

POLICY ON PLANNING ENFORCEMENT – 12TH MARCH 2018 (REVIEW MARCH 2020)

Following discussion with Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) over a wide range of planning matters it became apparent that the Parish Council had a role to play with planning compliance. The purpose of this policy is to set out for both Councillors and members of the public how the Parish Council will respond to non-compliance with planning legislation.

Non-compliance includes (but is not limited to) such activities as:-

- Carrying out building activity without planning permission, including hardstandings
- Carrying out building activity not in accordance with a permission,
- Carrying out alterations to a listed building without consent,
- Use of land for a particular purpose without permission, e.g. agriculture versus equine
- Failure to keep to the conditions imposed by a planning permission,
- Pruning/felling of protected trees without approval etc.
- Putting up advertisements without permission
- Allowing land to become untidy

Note also that different rules apply within a Conservation Area.

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning matters but it is Dacorum Borough Council that both decides planning applications and has the power to enforce planning consents and land use.

What to do if you have a planning concern?

If a Councillor or a member of the public is concerned about a potential non-compliance, then they may either contact the Enforcement Officer at DBC or contact Parish Cllr. Paul Kelly whose portfolio includes Planning Enforcement. The contact details are as follows:-

DBC Development Management (Enforcement) Tel: (01442) 228579

e-mail: planning.enforcement@dacorum.gov.uk

Paul Kelly – Tel 07879 443333, e-mail: paulkellylittleg@gmail.com

Cllr. Kelly will refer the matter to his colleagues on the Parish Council and depending on the individual case the Parish Council may either:-

- Take no further action
- Refer the potential breach to the Enforcement Officer at Dacorum Borough Council

For the avoidance of doubt and to maintain the appropriate lines of communication the Parish Council will not contact the party responsible for the potential breach but will leave that to the Enforcement Officer of Dacorum Borough Council. There is for information a LOCAL ENFORCEMENT PLAN available for reference on the Dacorum web site. The front page is reproduced on the next page of this document. <http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/planning-development/planning-enforcement>

Signed by the Chairman  Date 12/03/18



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