

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

**THE EARL BALDWIN SUITE, DUKE HOUSE, CLENSMORE STREET,  
KIDDERMINSTER**

**8TH JUNE 2006 (6PM)**

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**PRESENT:**

Councillors: S J Williams (Vice-Chairman), Mrs J Fairbrother-Millis, B T Glass, P B Harrison, M A W Hazlewood, Miss S C Meekings, C D Nicholls, Mrs F M Oborski, J A Shaw, G C Yarranton.

**OBSERVERS:**

There were no members present as observers.

**ENF.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miss M A Mason (Chairman), Mrs H E Dyke and Mrs M H Baillie.

**ENF.2 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES**

Councillor P Dyke was a substitute for Councillor Mrs H E Dyke. Councillor Mrs J Fairbrother-Millis was a substitute for Councillor Mrs M H Baillie.

**ENF.3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor J A Shaw declared a personal interest in item number ENF. 170/3354 as he had attended meetings and had also informed residents of progress with the application by means of a newsletter.

Councillor G C Yarranton declared a personal interest in item number ENF. 170/3374 as he had attended a site meeting and had also been involved in discussions regarding the application.

**ENF.4 MINUTES**

**DECISION:**

**The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**ENF.5 REVIEW OF PRO-ACTIVE ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that informed Members of the revised Pro-Active Enforcement Policy

and sought authority for the formal adoption of the document.

The Development Control Manager explained that a lot of the policy was unchanged but that the updated version included details of the procedure employed when dealing with unauthorised works to trees covered by a Tree-Preservation Order. It also addressed the perceived risks of choosing to exercise discretion when deciding whether or not to take action against breaches of planning control. Information was provided about new powers given to the local authority in the form of Temporary Stop Notices and a table had been added which explained how enforcement work was prioritised in terms of its impact on the building or land, the area and neighbouring properties.

The Development Control Manager advised that the report would go to full Council for approval.

**RECOMMENDATION to Cabinet:**

**The revised Pro-active Enforcement Policy be recommended to Council for adoption.**

**ENF.6 EXEMPT INFORMATION**

**DECISION: Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of "Exempt Information" as defined in paragraphs 13 and 15 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.**

**EN.6 SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

The following proceedings were considered after the press and public had been excluded from the meeting. A summary of the minutes relating to these items has been made as "exempt Information" would be disclosed if the minutes were published in full:-

**EN.7 MINUTES**

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on the 13th April 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

**EN.8 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT MATTERS**

The Committee received reports and took a number of decisions on new and existing enforcement cases.

**EN.9 INFORMATION MATTERS**

The Committee considered brief particulars of forty-four new complaints lodged since the last meeting of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 6.25 pm.

