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Report to: DEVELOPMENT & REGULATION (22 July 2022)

Information Item: MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT – Enforcement of Planning Control

Ref: ENF/1153

Location: Ashwells Road, Pilgrims Hatch, Brentwood, Essex

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1. SITE AND BACKGROUND

The land on the southwestern side of Ashwells Road is located between Bentley and Crows Green. The site itself comprises of a small area of grassed open land with a small stable building and a gravel area parking area. It is surrounded by residential properties. The site curtilage extends to approximately 1 hectare.

In terms of designations, the site is located within the Metropolitan Green Belt as detailed within the Brentwood Local Plan 2016-2033 (adopted March 2022). With regard to planning history there have been no planning permissions granted by either Essex County Council or Brentwood Borough Council.

Following a number of inspections, it was found that approximately 300 tonnes of waste had been deposited on the site, namely trommel fines and soils. The waste is understood to have been brought onto site a few months before April 2022. The landowner was requested to remove the waste and to cease operations, but no significant process was made.

On the 25 May 2022, in context that the waste materials have been brought on to the site without the benefit of planning permission and that planning permission would not likely be granted in retrospect, Essex County Council as the Waste Planning Authority served an Enforcement Notice on the landowner.

2. CURRENT POSITION

The Enforcement Notice served on the 25 May 2022 and has taken effect on the 5 July 2022 unless an appeal is made against it beforehand. The Enforcement Notice requires:

- Activities to cease and the importation, deposition, storing, processing/treating, burning and spreading of waste materials not to be resumed.
- All waste materials including soils, trommel fines, building waste, concrete, hardcore and other mixed waste to be removed from the land within 3 months.
- The land to be restored to its condition prior to the commencement of the unauthorised development within 4 months.

Officer will continue to monitor the site in relation to the Enforcement Notice to ensure compliance and no further unauthorised activities.

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