

### **IMPORTANT**

## THIS COMMUNICATION AFFECTS YOUR PROPERTY

# **ENFORCEMENT NOTICE**

# **MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE**

# TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991) ("the Act")

**ISSUED BY: North Devon District Council ("the Council")** 

**THIS IS A FORMAL NOTICE** which is issued by the Council because it appears to it that there has been a breach of planning control, under Section 171A(1)(a) of the Act, at the land described below. The Council consider expedient to issue this notice, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and to other material considerations.

#### 2. THE LAND AFFECTED (shown edged red on the plan attached)

Pennyfields, Knowstone, Devon

("the land")

#### 3. THE BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL ALLEGED

The material change of use of the land to the storage of vehicles, scrap vehicles and other scrap material

NB For the purposes of this enforcement notice the term: "vehicles" shall include caravans, mobile homes, tractors and trailers of any description; and "storage" shall also mean abandoned

("the unauthorised use")

### **REASONS FOR ISSUING THIS NOTICE**

The Council consider it expedient to issue this notice for the following reasons:

It appears to the Council that the unauthorised use has occurred within the last ten years.

That land is in a rural location, visible to the surrounding area, and the Council considers that the unauthorised use, which has no agricultural basis, is detrimental to the visual amenity and represents an alien intrusion into the wooded countryside, contrary to the adopted Structure Plan, emerging Local Plan and government guidance, which seek to protect the countryside for its own sake and restrict development other than in the economic or social interests of the locality.

It is not considered that the unauthorised use could be overcome by the use of conditions.

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#### 5. WHEN YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ACT

The Council require that the steps specified in paragraph 6 be undertaken within the period of six months of the effective date of the notice.

#### 6. WHAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO

- 1. Cease the use of the land for the storage of any:
  - 1.1 vehicle(s);

1.2 scrap vehicle(s); and

1.3 other scrap material.

2. Permanently remove from the land all:

#### 2.1 vehicles;

2.2 scrap vehicles; and

2.3 other scrap material

stored on the land.

#### 7. WHEN THIS NOTICE TAKES EFFECT

This Notice takes effect on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1999 ("the effective date")\* unless an appeal is made against it beforehand.

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Dated : [date of issue] .....28<sup>th</sup> April 1999 .....

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on behalf of: North Devon District Council, Civic Centre, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1EA.

#### **GUIDANCE NOTES FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

#### YOUR RIGHT OF APPEAL

You can appeal against this notice, but any appeal must be received, or posted in time to be received, by the Secretary of State before the effective date. The enclosed booklet "Enforcement Appeals - A Guide to Procedure" sets out your rights. Read it carefully. You may use the enclosed appeal forms. One is for you to send to the Secretary of State if you decide to appeal. The other is for you to keep as a duplicate for your own records. You should also send the Secretary of State the spare copy of this Enforcement Notice which is enclosed.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DO NOT APPEAL

If you do not appeal against this Enforcement Notice, it will take effect on the effective date and you must then ensure that the required steps for complying with it, for which you may be held responsible, are taken within the period[s] specified in the notice. Failure to comply with an Enforcement Notice which has taken effect can result in prosecution and/or remedial action by the Council.

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