

Planning Committee North

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Is the report Open or Exempt?		Open	

REPORT

The attached is a summary of the status of all outstanding enforcement cases for East Suffolk Council where enforcement action has either been sanctioned under delegated powers or through the Committee up until 23 August 2023. At present there are 19 such cases.

Information on all cases has been updated at the time of preparing the report such that the last row in the table for each item shows the position at that time. Officers will provide a further verbal update should the situation have changed for any of the cases.

Members will note that where Enforcement action has been authorised the Councils Solicitor shall be instructed accordingly, but the speed of delivery of response may be affected by factors which are outside of the control of the Enforcement Service.

The cases are organised into categories based upon current status:

A. Cases on which a formal enforcement notice has been served, and the compliance period is still ongoing. *5 current cases*

B. Cases on which a formal enforcement notice has been served and is now the subject of an appeal. *8 current cases*

C. Cases on which a formal enforcement notice has been served, upheld on appeal, and is now within a compliance period. *No current cases*

D. Cases on which a formal enforcement notice has been served, upheld on appeal/no appeal submitted and is currently the subject of court action. *2 current case*

E. Cases on which a formal enforcement notice has been served, upheld on appeal/no appeal submitted and now in the period for compliance following court action. *1 current case*

F. Cases on which a formal enforcement notice has been served, upheld on appeal, and the period for compliance following court action has now expired, so further legal proceedings are being considered and/or are underway. *3 current cases*

G. Cases on which a formal enforcement action has been placed on hold or where it is not currently expedient to pursue. *1 current case*

RECOMMENDATION

That the outstanding enforcement matters up to 23 August 2023 be noted.

A. Cases on which a formal enforcement notice has been served, and the compliance period is still ongoing.

A.1

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/21/0290/USE
Location / Address	141 Kirton Road, Trimley St Martin
North or South Area	South
Date of Report of Breach	17.06.2021
Nature of Breach: Change of use of cartlodge to a shop.	
Summary timeline of actions on case	
19/01/2023 – Enforcement Notice served. Comes into effect on the 20/02/2023	
20/02/2023 – Extension of time agreed to 20/10/2023	
Current Status/Position	
In compliance period.	
Date by which Compliance expected	20/10/2023
(or prosecution date)	

A.2

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/21/0510/DEV	
Location / Address	Part Land East Of Chapel Barn Farm, Leiston Road,	
	Aldeburgh	
North or South Area	North	
Date of Report of Breach	19.11.2021	
Nature of Breach: Caravan sited for residential use with new hardstanding and associated		
works		
Summary timeline of actions on case		
16/02/2023 – Operational and material change of use Enforcement Notices served. Both		
come into effect on the 20/03/2023		
28/07/2023- Site visited, work has been completed in accordance with the notices. Case		
will be closed.		
Current Status/Position		
In compliance period.		
Date by which Compliance expected	20/07/2023	

A.3

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/22/0133/USE
Location / Address	Patience Acre, Chenerys Loke, Weston
North or South Area	North
Date of Report of Breach	22.04.2022
Nature of Breach: Residential occupation of holiday let	

Summary timeline of actions on case

28/03/2023 –Breach of Condition Notice served. Comes into effect on the 27/04/2023. There is an ongoing appeal against refusal of planning application, DC/22/3482/FUL, therefore extended compliance given.

05/07/2023 - appeal against refusal of planning application refused.

Current Status/Position

In compliance period.

(or prosecution date)

Date by which Compliance expected	27/04/2024
(or prosecution date)	

A.4

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/21/0460/DEV
Location / Address	21 Mill View Close, Woodbridge

North or South Area	South	
Date of Report of Breach	13.10.2021	
Nature of Breach: Erection of large fer	nce	
Summary timeline of actions on case		
06/07/2023 – Enforcement Notices served. Comes into effect on the 06/08/2023		
Current Status/Position		
In compliance period.		
Date by which Compliance expected	06/11/2023	
Date by which compliance expected	00, 11, 2020	

A.5

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/21/0006/DEV
Location / Address	Land at Garage Block North Of 2, Chepstow Road,
	Felixstowe, Suffolk
North or South Area	South
Date of Report of Breach	06.01.2021
Nature of Breach: Erection of large fence	
Summary timeline of actions on case 08/08/2023 –Enforcement Notice served. Comes into effect on the 08/09/2023	
Current Status/Position In compliance period.	
Date by which Compliance expected (or prosecution date)	08/11/2023

B. Cases on which a formal enforcement notice has been served and is now the subject of an appeal

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LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/2019/0307/COND	
Location / Address	The Southwold Flower Company, Land at Wangford	
	Rd/Reydon Lane, Reydon	
North or South Area	North	
Date of Report of Breach	16.07.2019	
Nature of Breach: Breach of conditions, 2, 4 and 8 of Planning Permission		
DC/18/0335/FUL		
Summary timeline of actions on case		
21/10/2021 – Enforcement Notice served. Date effective 25/11/2021. 3/5 months for		
compliance, requiring the building to be converted to be in full compliance with the		
permission within 5 months. To cease all retail sales from the site and to submit a scheme		
of landscaping within 3 months.		
07/12/2021 - Appeal started. Written Representations Process. PINS Reference		
APP/X3540/C/21/3287645		
21/01/2022 - Statements submitted to Planning Inspectorate by 21/01/2022.		
01/02/2022 - final comments date for comments on Appeal		
28/06/2023 – Site visit for appeal 3 rd August 2023		
Current Status/Position		
Awaiting Planning Inspectorate Decision		
Date by which Compliance expected	Dependent upon date and outcome of Appeal	
(or prosecution date)	Decision	

B.2

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/20/0131/LISTL
Location / Address	6 Upper Olland Street, Bungay
North or South Area	North
Date of Report of Breach	15.04.2020

Nature of Breach: Unauthorised works to a Listed Building (Installation of roller shutter and advertisements)

Summary timeline of actions on case

17/03/2022 - Listed Building Enforcement Notice served and takes effect on 18/04/2022. 3 months for compliance.

19/04/2022 - Appeal start date. Written Representations Procedure PINS Reference APP/X3540/F/22/3297116

07/06/2022 – Statement submitted

28/06/2022 – final comments due.

Current Status/Position

Awaiting Planning Inspectorate Appeal Decision

Date by which Compliance expected	Dependant upon date and outcome of Appeal
(or prosecution date)	Decision

B.3

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/21/0003/DEV	
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Location / Address	26 Highland Drive, Worlingham	
North or South Area	North	
Date of Report of Breach	30.12.2020	
Nature of Breach:		
High fence adjacent to highway.		
Summary timeline of actions on case		
07/04/2022 - Enforcement notice served and takes effect on 09/05/2022. 2 months for		
compliance.		
25/05/2022 - Appeal start date. Written Representations Procedure. PINS Reference		
APP/X3540/C/22/3297741		
23/06/2022 – Statements submitted		
21/07/2022 – target date for comments on statement of case.		
28/06/2023 – Site visit for appeal 3 rd	August 2023	
Current Status/Position		
Awaiting Planning Inspectorate Decision		
Date by which Compliance expected	Dependent upon date and outcome of Appeal	
(or prosecution date)	Decision	

B.4

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/21/0411/COND	
Location / Address	Paddock 2, The Street, Lound	
North or South Area	North	
Date of Report of Breach	17.09.2021	
Nature of Breach:		
Change of use of land for residential use and stationing of mobile home		
Summary timeline of actions on case	<u>e</u>	
16/06/2022 – Enforcement Notice served. Took effect on 18/07/2022. 4 months for		
compliance		
26/08/2022 – Appeal Start Date. Written Representations Procedure PINS Reference		
APP/X3540/C/22/3303066		
07/10/2022 – Appeal statement submitted.		
28/10/2022 – any final comments on appeal due.		
Current Status/Position		

Awaiting Planning Inspectorate Decision

Date by which Compliance expected	Dependent upon date and outcome of Appeal
(or prosecution date)	Decision

B.5

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/21/0121/USE
Location / Address	The Pastures, The Street, North Cove
North or South Area	North
Date of Report of Breach	17.03.2021
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Nature of Breach: Material change of use of Land to a storage use, including the stationing of static and touring caravans for residential use and the storage of vehicles, lorry backs, and other items.

Summary timeline of actions on case

03/11/2022 – Enforcement Notice served. Comes into effect on the 05/12/2022.

4 months for compliance

14/11/2022- Pre-start letter from Planning Inspectorate

14/12/2022- Appeal started. Written Representations Process, statement due by 6th February 2023. PINS Reference APP/X3540/C/22/3312353

Current Status/Position

Awaiting Planning Inspectorate Decision.

Date by which Compliance expected	Dependent upon date and outcome of Appeal
(or prosecution date)	Decision

D.	.6

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/21/0201/DEV	
Location / Address	39 Foxglove End, Leiston	
North or South Area	North	
Date of Report of Breach	26.04.2021	
Nature of Breach: Artificial hedge, support structure and fencing which is over 2m in		
height		
Summary timeline of actions on case		
28/11/2022 – Enforcement Notice served. Comes into effect on the 06/01/2023.		
2 months for compliance		
09/01/2023- Pre-start letter from Planning Inspectorate		
Current Status/Position		
Awaiting start date from Planning Inspectorate.		
Date by which Compliance expected	Dependent upon date and outcome of Appeal	
(or prosecution date)	Decision	

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/22/0158/DEV	
Location / Address	11 Wharton Street, Bungay	
North or South Area	North	
Date of Report of Breach	20.05.2022	
Nature of Breach: Without Listed Building Consent the unauthorised installation of an		
exterior glazed door located in front of the front door.		
Summary timeline of actions on case		
28/11/2022 – Listed Building Enforcement Notice served. Comes into effect on the		
06/01/2023. 3 months for compliance		
09/01/2023 – Pre-start letter from Planning Inspectorate		
31/01/2023 –Start letter received from Planning Inspectorate, statements required by 14 th		
March 2023.		
Current Status/Position		
Awaiting start date from Planning Inspectorate.		
Date by which Compliance expected	Dependent upon date and outcome of Appeal	
(or prosecution date)	Decision	

B.8

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/23/0073/DEV	
Location / Address	15 Worell Drive, Worlingham	
North or South Area	North	
Date of Report of Breach	06.03.2013	
Nature of Breach: Erection of a fence over 1m adjacent to a highway		
Summary timeline of actions on case		
06/07/2023 – Enforcement Notices served. Comes into effect on the 06/08/2023		
01/08/2023- Appeal submitted, awaiting start date.		
Current Status/Position		
In appeal period.		
Date by which Compliance expected	Dependent on appeal outcome.	
(or prosecution date)		

C. Cases on which a formal enforcement notice has been served, upheld on appeal, and is now within a compliance period

There are currently no cases at this stage.

D. Cases on which a formal enforcement notice has been served, upheld on appeal/no appeal submitted and is currently the subject of court action.

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LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/21/0051/USE	
Location / Address	Land West Of Guildhall Lane, Wrentham	
North or South Area	North	
Date of Report of Breach	10.02.2021	
Nature of Breach:		
Change of use and unauthorised operational development (mixed use including storage of		
materials, vehicles and caravans and	residential use /erection of structures and laying of	
hardstanding)		
Summary timeline of actions on case		
10/03/2022 - Enforcement Notices served and takes effect on 11/04/2022. 4 months for		
compliance.		
25/08/2022 - Site visit to check for compliance with Notices. File has been passed to the		
Legal Dept for further action.		
19/12/2022 – Court date set following non compliance at Ipswich magistrates for 30 th		
January 2023.		
30/01/2023- Court over listed and therefore case relisted for 27 th March 2023		
27/03/2023 - Defendant did not attend, warrant issued, awaiting decision from court.		
	nd, warrant issued, awaiting decision from court.	
31/07/2023- Defendant attended co	nd, warrant issued, awaiting decision from court.	
31/07/2023 - Defendant attended co in total.	nd, warrant issued, awaiting decision from court.	
31/07/2023- Defendant attended co in total. Current Status/Position	nd, warrant issued, awaiting decision from court. urt, plead guilty to all charges and was fined £5134.78	
31/07/2023 - Defendant attended co in total.	nd, warrant issued, awaiting decision from court. urt, plead guilty to all charges and was fined £5134.78	

D.2

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/20/0404/USE
Location / Address	200 Bridge Road, Lowestoft
North or South Area	North
Date of Report of Breach	24.09.2020
Nature of Breach: Change of use of land for the storage of building materials	
Summary timeline of actions on case	
	erved. Comes into effect on the 20/02/2023

for further action.

(or prosecution date)

Current Status/Position

With Legal Team.

Date by which Compliance expected	Depending on legal process.
(or prosecution date)	

E. Cases on which a formal enforcement notice has been served, upheld on appeal/no appeal submitted and now in the period for compliance following court action

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LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/2018/0543/DEV	
Location / Address	Land at North Denes Caravan Park, The Ravine,	
	Lowestoft	
North or South Area	North	
Date of Report of Breach	21.12.2018	
	permission operational development involving the	
	tion of a roadway, the installation of a pumping	
	laying out of pipe works in the course of which waste	
material have been excavated from t	he site and deposited on the surface.	
Summary timeline of actions on case	-	
02/05/2019 - Temporary Stop Notice		
	rved, came into effect on 28/06/2019	
25/05/2019 - Stop Notice Served cor		
08/06/2020 – Appeal process started. Appeal to be dealt with as a Hearing. Deadline		
for Statements 03/08/2020		
	Hearing adjourned until 09/03/2021. Hearing	
adjourned again until 21/04/2021 as		
18/05/2021 - Appeal dismissed and p		
18/08/2021 - Compliance with Notic	•	
31/10/2021 - Extension of time gran	•	
	me granted for compliance until 15/11/2021.	
	18/11/2021 - Site visited, no works undertaken, case to be referred to legal	
department for further action to be d		
20/12/2021 - Certificate of Lawful Us DC/21/5671/CLP)	se (Proposed) application submitted (reference	
12/04/2022 - Certificate of Lawful Us	se (proposed) refused.	
25/05/2022 - Appeal in relation to Certificate of Lawful Use (proposed) refusal		
started. Hearing process. PINS Reference APP/X3540/X/22/3299754		
08/07/2022 – Appeal statement submitted		
29/07/2022 – Final date for commen		
11/01/2023 – Council applied to the		
30/01/2023 – Case adjourned for leg		
	Injunction hearing 18 th & 19 th May 2023	
	refused certificate of lawful development set for	
12 th July 2023.	•	

18/05/2023 – Injunction sought from High Court in relation to non-compliance with EN, Injunction granted – 90 days to undertake the works.

08/08/2023- Notice complied with except a small amount of grass re-seeding required.

Current Status/Position	
Notice complied with	
Date by which Compliance expected	Before 18 th August 2023
(or prosecution date)	

F. Cases on which a formal enforcement notice has been served, upheld on appeal, and the period for compliance following court action has now expired, so further legal proceedings are being considered and/or are underway.

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LPA Enforcement Case Reference	EN08/0264 & ENF/2013/0191		
Location / Address	Pine Lodge Caravan Park, Hazels Lane, Hinton		
North or South Area	North		
Date of Report of Breach	20.10.2008		
Nature of Breach:			
Erection of a building and new vehice	ular access; Change of use of the land to a touring		
caravan site (Exemption Certificate revoked) and use of land for the site of a mobile home			
for gypsy/traveller use. Various unaut	thorised utility buildings for use on caravan site.		
15/10/2010 – Enforcement Notice se	rved		
08/02/2010 - Appeal received			
10/11/2010 - Appeal dismissed			
25/06/2013 - Three Planning applicat	ions received		
06/11/2013 – The three applications	refused at Planning Committee.		
13/12/2013 - Appeal Lodged			
21/03/2014 – Enforcement Notices served and became effective on 24/04/2014			
04/07/2014 - Appeal Start date - Appeal to be dealt with by Hearing			
31/01/2015 – New planning appeal received for refusal of Application DC/13/3708			
03/02/2015 – Appeal Decision – Two notices quashed for the avoidance of doubt, two			
	notices upheld. Compliance time on notice relating to mobile home has been extended		
from 12 months to 18 months.			
10/11/2015 – Informal hearing held			
	01/03/2016 – Planning Appeal dismissed		
04/08/2016 – Site re-visited three of four Notices have not been complied with.			
21/04/2017 - Trial date. Two charges relating to the mobile home, steps and hardstanding,			
the owner pleaded guilty to these to charges and was fined £1000 for failing to comply			
with the Enforcement Notice plus £600 in costs. The Council has requested that the mobile			
home along with steps, hardstanding and access be removed by 16/06/2017.			
19/06/2017 – Site re-visited, no compliance with the Enforcement Notice.			
14/11/2017 – Full Injunction granted for the removal of the mobile home and steps.			
21/11/2017 – Mobile home and steps removed from site. Review site regarding day block			
and access after decision notice released for enforcement notice served in connection			
	with unauthorised occupancy /use of barn.		
27/06/2018 – Compliance visit conducted to check on whether the 2010.			
06/07/2018 – Legal advice sought.	for compliance with Naticos		
	 IO/09/2018 – Site revisited to check for compliance with Notices. I1/09/2018 – Case referred back to Legal Department for further action to be considered. 		
TT/DA/SOTA – Case LeterLed back to F	legal Department for further action to be considered.		

11/10/2018 – Court hearing at the High Court in relation to the steps remain on the 2014 Enforcement Notice/ Injunction granted. Two months for compliance (11/12/2018).

01/11/2018 – Court Hearing at the High Court in relation to the 2010 Enforcement Notice. Injunctive remedy sought. Verbal update to be given. Injunction granted. Three months given for compliance with Enforcement Notices served in 2010.

13/12/2018 – Site visit undertaken in regards to Injunction served for 2014 Notice. No compliance. Passed back to Legal for further action.

04/02/2019 –Site visit undertaken to check on compliance with Injunction served on 01/11/2018

26/02/2019 – case passed to Legal for further action to be considered. Update to be given at Planning Committee

27/03/2019 - High Court hearing, the case was adjourned until the 03/04/2019

03/04/2019 - Officers attended the High Court, a warrant was issued due to non-

attendance and failure to provide medical evidence explaining the non-attendance as was required in the Order of 27/03/2019.

11/04/2019 – Officers returned to the High Court, the case was adjourned until 7 May 2019.

07/05/2019 – Officers returned to the High Court. A three month suspended sentence for 12 months was given and the owner was required to comply with the Notices by 03/09/2019.

05/09/2019 – Site visit undertaken; file passed to Legal Department for further action. Court date arranged for 28/11/2019.

28/11/2019 - Officers returned to the High Court. A new three month suspended sentence for 12 months was given and the owner was required to comply in full with the Injunctions and the Order of the Judge by 31/01/2020

Current Status/Position

Site visited. Case currently with the Council's Legal Team for assessment. Charging orders have been placed on the land to recover costs.

Date by which Compliance expected	Dependent upon potential Legal Process
(or prosecution date)	

F.2

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/2017/0170/USE
Location / Address	Land Adj to Oak Spring, The Street, Darsham
North or South Area	North
Date of Report of Breach	11.05.2017

Nature of Breach:

Installation on land of residential mobile home, erection of a structure, stationing of containers and portacabins

Summary timeline of actions on case

16/11/2017 – Authorisation given to serve Enforcement Notice.

22/02/2018 – Enforcement Notice issued. Notice came into effect on 30/03/2018 and had a 4 month compliance period. An Appeal was then submitted.

17/10/2019 – Appeal Decision issued by PINS. Enforcement Notice relating to the Use of the land quashed and to be re-issued as soon as possible, Notice relating to the operational development was upheld with an amendment.

13/11/2019 – Enforcement Notice served in relation to the residential use of the site. Compliance by 13/04/2020. Appeal then received in relation to the Enforcement Notice for the residential use

16/06/2020 – Submission of Appeal Statement

11/08/2020 - Appeal dismissed with some amendments.

11/12/2020 - Compliance with notice required. Site visit subsequently undertaken.

Enforcement Notices had not been complied with so case then pass to Legal Department for further action.

25/03/2021 - Further site visit undertaken. Notices not complied with, file passed to Legal services for further action.

2022 - Application for an Injunction has been made to the High Court.

06/10/2022 - Hearing in the High Court granted and injunction with 5 months for compliance and costs of £8000 awarded.

08/03/2023 - Site visit conducted; injunction not complied with therefore matter passed to legal for further action.

30/03/2023 - appeal submitted to High Court against Injunction – awaiting decision from Court.

10/07/2023 -Injunction appeal failed, 2 weeks given to comply with Injunction by 10am on 24th July.

25/07/2023-Site Visit conducted; injunction not complied with. Information sent to legal team.

Current Status/Position

With Legal Team

Date by which Compliance expected	24 th July 2023
(or prosecution date)	

F.3

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/21/0441/SEC215
Location / Address	28 Brick Kiln Avenue, Beccles
North or South Area	North
Date of Report of Breach	29.09.2021
Nature of Breach: Untidy site	

Summary timeline of actions on case

07/02/2022 - S215 (Land adversely affecting amenity of Neighbourhood) Notice served - compliance due by 11/06/2022

17/06/2022 - Site visit undertaken to check compliance. Site remains untidy. Internal discussion to be held regarding further action. File passed to Legal Department for further action.

21/11/2022– Attended court, defendant plead guilty, fined £120 and ordered to pay £640 costs and £48 victim surcharge. A Total of £808. Has until 24th February 2023 to comply with notice.

10/03/2023- Site visit conducted, notice not complied with. Matter passed to Legal for further action.

Current Status/Position	
In compliance period	
Date by which Compliance expected	Depending on legal action
(or prosecution date)	

G. Cases on which a formal enforcement action has been placed on hold or where it is not currently expedient to pursue

G.1

LPA Enforcement Case Reference	ENF/2015/0279/DEV
Location / Address	Land at Dam Lane Kessingland
North or South Area	North
Date of Report of Breach	22/09/2015

Nature of Breach:

Erection of outbuildings and wooden jetties, fencing and gates over 1 metre adjacent to highway and engineering operations amounting to the formation of a lake and soil bunds.

Summary timeline of actions on case

22/09/2015 - Initial complaint logged by parish.

08/12/2016 - Case was reopened following further information

01/03/2017 - Retrospective app received.

Following delays in information requested, on 20/06/2018, Cate Buck, Senior Planning and Enforcement Officer, took over the case, she communicated and met with the owner on several occasions.

05/09/2018 - Notice served by recorded delivery.

18/06/2019 - Appeal started. PINS Reference APP/T3535/C/18/3211982

24/07/2019 – Appeal Statement Submitted

05/02/2020 - Appeal dismissed. Compliance with both Notices by 05/08/2020 **03/03/2021** - Court hearing in relation to structures and fencing/gates Case adjourned

until 05/07/2021 for trial. Further visit due after 30/04/21 to check for compliance with steps relating to lake removal.

30/04/2021 - Further legal advice being sought in relation to the buildings and fencing. Extension of time given until 30/04/21 for removal of the lake and reverting the land back to agricultural use due to Licence being required for removal of protected species.

04/05/2021 - Further visit conducted to check for compliance on Notice relating to the lake. No compliance. Case being reviewed.

05/07/2021 – Court hearing, owner was found guilty of two charges and had already pleaded guilty to one offence. Fined £550 and £700 costs

12/07/2021 – Letter sent to owner giving until the 10th August 2021 for the structures to be removed

13/08/2021 - Site visited and all structures had removed from the site, but lake remains

Current Status/Position

On Hold. Ongoing consideration is taking place in respect of the compliance with the enforcement notice for removal of the lake. This is due to the possible presence of protected species and formation of protected habitat. Consideration is also required in respect of the hydrological implications of removal of the lake. At present, with the removal of structures and no harmful use taking place, the lake removal is not an immediately urgent action.

Date by which Compliance expected	31/12/2023
(or prosecution date)	