

Sent on behalf of Rob Murfin:

**Enforcement Strategy Consultation**

The County Council 2016 Planning Enforcement Strategy has been in place for six years. Since the start of the Covid19 lockdown period there has been an increase in the number of planning enforcement cases, and this has included large volumes of Neighbour disputes. Some elected members would like to see a “zero tolerance” approach, and at the same time other feel that the system punishes genuine mistakes.

We want to focus our resources on tackling the cases causing the most problems for residents, so we have now undertaken a detailed review and are formally consulting you on our proposed new strategy (see attached).

The proposed 2022 Planning Enforcement Strategy will introduce streamlined processes and outline what can be enforced and what to expect when a planning breach is reported. The changes will steer focus onto priority cases and the most serious breaches. This will allow the Planning Enforcement Service to direct its resources to achieving quick responses.

Your views, comments and suggestions will be really useful in fine-tuning the strategy.