

Report to	Planning Committee
Date	10 March 2022
By	Director of Planning
Title of Report	Enforcement Update
Purpose of Report	To update SDNPA Members on planning enforcement workload statistics including notices served.

Recommendation: To note the update on enforcement action.

I. Overview

- I.1 The SDNPA planning enforcement team investigates alleged breaches of planning control within the recovered areas of the National Park: Adur & Worthing, Arun, Brighton & Hove, Eastbourne, Mid-Sussex, & Wealden. The Team also investigate any alleged breaches where the SDNPA “called-in” any original planning application post-October 2017 or any other investigations that we wish to “call-in”, plus any breaches relating to Minerals & Waste for the entirety of the Park. The Team also monitor the host authorities’ response to investigating enforcement for the non-recovered (host authority) areas (Chichester, East Hampshire, Horsham, Lewes, & Winchester) with the SDNPA Link Officers.
- I.2 The purpose of this report is to highlight the amount of investigations carried-out. The team comprises: DM Lead (Heather Lealan), Enforcement Officers (Andy George & Jack Trevelyan), & Monitoring & Compliance Officer (Alexandra Vogt).
- I.3 These figures were taken on 18 February 2022. The columns refer to a year being 1 April to 31 March so there will still be some reports to come-in for 2021/22.
- I.4 The cases received and cases closed figures are shown in Section 3 for the host authorities (Chichester, East Hampshire, Horsham, Lewes, & Winchester) for their own investigations within the National Park. These were taken on 26 January 2022.

2. SDNPA Figures

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 (so far)
Current investigations	-	-	-	58
Cases Received	240	175	169	146
Cases Closed:	251	193	166	158
• Compliance	33	26	22	17
• Not Expedient to Pursue	53	23	28	24
• No Breach	124	122	99	101
• Retrospective Application Approved	41	22	17	16
Enforcement Notices	7	5	1	2
• Compliance	4	2	0	0
• Still Within Compliance Timeframe	0	0	0	0
• Appealed EN with PINS	2	2	0	1
• Considering Prosecution	0	1	0	1
• Prosecution Due to Non-Compliance	-	-	1	-
• Prosecution Due to Non-Compliance	1	0	0	0
Stop Notices (excluding Temporary Stop Notices)	2	2	2	2
Breach of Condition Notices	0	2	0	0
• Compliance	0	1	0	0
• Still Within Compliance Timeframe	0	1	0	0
• Prosecution	0	0	0	0
Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)	2	1	1	3
Article 4 Directions	1	0	1	3

3. Host Authority Figures

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 (so far)
Cases Received	693	650	645	609
Cases Closed	750	740	544	616

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