

**Agenda Item 9**  
**Report PC23/24-8**

Report to **Planning Committee**  
 Date **14 September 2023**  
 By **Director of Planning**  
 Title to Report **Enforcement Update**  
 Purpose of Report **To update SDNPA Members on planning enforcement workload statistics including notices served**

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**Recommendation: To note the update on enforcement action**

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**1. Overview**

- 1.1 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. They 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. We also monitor the host authorities’ response to investigating enforcement for the non-recovered areas (Chichester, East Hampshire, Horsham, Lewes, & Winchester).
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to highlight the amount of investigations carried-out. The team is comprised of: DM Lead (Jean Chambers), Enforcement Officers (Alan Hiron & Emma Goodwin). The Monitoring & Compliance Officer post is currently vacant. The yearly figures run from the start of April each year.
- 1.3 These figures were taken on 17 August 2023.
- 1.4 The cases received and cases closed figures are shown in Section 3 for the host authorities (Chichester, East Hampshire, Horsham, Lewes and Winchester) for their investigations within the National Park. These were taken on 17 August 2023.

**2. SDNPA Figures**

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24 (so far)
Current Investigations	-	-	-	57
Cases Received	169	164	159	38

Cases Closed:				
• Compliance	<b>166</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>44</b>
• Not Expedient to Pursue/NFA	22	19	23	6
• No Breach	28	26	41	15
• Retrospective Application Approved	99	100	78	18
	17	18	17	5
Enforcement Notices	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
• Compliance	0	1	1	0
• Still Within Compliance Timeframe	0	0	0	0
• Appealed EN with PINS	0	1	2	1
• Considering Prosecution	1	0	0	0
• Prosecution Due to Non-Compliance	0	0	0	0
Stop Notices (excluding Temporary Stop Notices)	2	1	1	0
Breach of Condition Notices	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
• Compliance	0	0	0	0
• Still Within Compliance Timeframe	0	0	0	0
• Prosecution	0	0	0	0
Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)	1	3	1	0
Article 4 Directions	1	3	0	0

### 3. Host Authority Figures

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/233	2023/24 (so far)
Cases Received	669	505	432	178
Cases Closed	558	507	494	168

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