

letter from Steven Hobbs TDC

Firstly I apologise for not responding to your previous email. With regards to the above site in this instance following the planning refusal I contacted the owner to advise them to cease the unauthorised use to avoid the need for enforcement action. However, as it was clear the use was continued I initiated enforcement action but it was noted that an appeal against the refusal was submitted.

In such cases the enforcement action is usually put on hold pending the outcome of the appeal as the planning appeals are usually much faster than the enforcement ones. As such the matter was put on hold but in this instance it seems there has been a delay by the Planning Inspectorate in validating the appeal. However, it is noted that the appeal has now been validated and as soon as there is any further information you will be contacted.

With regards to Stevens Farm I am aware of some of the issues. I am currently waiting for the outcome of the current application (reference 23/00463/FUL) for the change of use of agricultural building and land to commercial for the sales and maintenance of tractors. Once this has been determined I will look at all the issues that are outstanding.