

Basildon District Council's vision is to improve the quality of life for the people in the District now and for future generations.

The Council recognises that it's actions can have a significant effect on the quality of life in the District and that it's Planning Services has an important role to play in this respect.

As part of a wider team effort the Planning Service is committed to the delivery of good planning practice in the pursuit of the Council's vision.

This leaflet is one of a series designed to assist in providing an understanding of the role that the Planning Service plays in helping to shape the environment in which we live.



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Planning Services - Enforcement



Striking the Balance

What is Planning Enforcement?

Planning Enforcement is an important aspect of planning control. Principally its functions are to:

- Investigate alleged breaches of planning control
- Monitor approved development during construction

Whilst it is not a criminal offence to carry out development without first obtaining planning permission, it may constitute a contravention of planning laws and Basildon District Council has the power to enforce those laws.

Unauthorised developments can have serious and adverse impacts upon neighbouring property and the local environment.

The Council's priorities are to protect amenity, safeguard the built and rural environment, and uphold local planning policy in the most effective way.

The Government advises planning authorities to resort to enforcement action only where necessary when there is obvious harm or nuisance to the built or natural environment.

What can you do to help?

You can assist in the enforcement process by including as much information as possible when you report a potential breach. Things to consider are:

- Date the activity started.
- Exact location of the activity.
- Names and addresses of owners, occupiers, builders or agents if you already know them.
- Effects of the activity on amenity such as noise, traffic, smells.
- A record of events such as a diary or daily log.
- Photographs with dates.

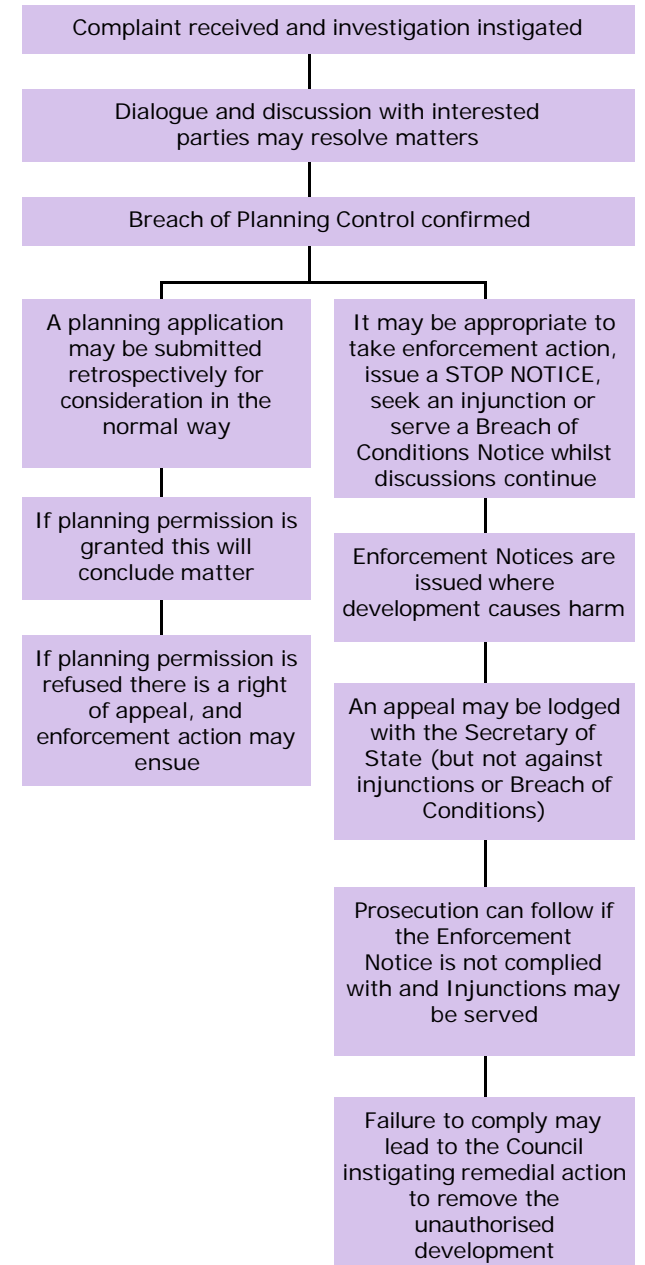
Once a complaint has been lodged an investigation into the allegation will be instigated. The Council will keep you informed of the progress of your complaint and will, sometimes, ask for the submission of additional information.

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How an investigation proceeds



All information is received in the strictest confidence