



Town Planning

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Dear Cllr Bennett,

RE: 2 Southcroft Avenue, West Wickham

Thank you for your letters of 9th March and 11th February (attaching a letter from your constituent Mr Rowe). I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

This site was investigated in late 2014 and again in 2016, by the Planning Enforcement Team. In particular, the breach of any planning controls or the potential for an Untidy Notice was considered. The conclusion to date is that there is not a breach of planning control and that the site does not merit an Untidy Site Notice. However, the case has not been closed and investigations will continue with a view to reaching a solution.

Turning to the specific points raised by Mr Rowe.

1. *How has the operation got to this unacceptable impasse during a housing shortage?*

The site is under private development and it is open to the developer to judge his response to the housing market.

2. *Is anyone taking action to bring the matter to a proper conclusion?*

A breach of planning control has not been identified. However, the case has not been closed.

3. *When may we see the house finished, properly fenced?*

We do not control the rate of development; it is a matter for the landowner.

4. *When will the Public Footpath be restored to its original, tidy condition?*

We are not aware of an infringement of the public footpath. The adjacent temporary fencing is needed to secure the site.

5. *Who looks after the Oaktree and its paddock?*

This is the responsibility of the landowner.

I apologise again for the delay, please contact me with any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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