REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

28th March 2012

APPEAL OUTCOME – CRUMPFIELDS LANE, WEBHEATH

APPEAL MADE AGAINST AN ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

ENFORCEMENT NOTICE DETAILS: 2010/024/ENF

PROPOSAL CHANGE OF USE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND TO

RIDING SCHOOL AND ASSOCIATED OPERATIONAL

DEVELOPEMNT

LOCATION CRUMPFIELDS FARM, CRUMPFIELDS LANE,

REDDITCH

WARD WEST

DECISION NOTICE ISSUED SEPTEMBER 2011

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Discussion

The Enforcement Team investigated a change of use and invited a planning application, which was not forthcoming. Therefore, in order to retain control of the use of the land and prevent an uncontrolled use becoming established and immune from control, an Enforcement Notice was served.

The notice identified a breach of planning control in relation to the change of use of the land from agricultural to riding school, and some associated buildings and general paraphernalia being stored on the land.

The notice sought the cessation of the unauthorised use and the removal of the structures etc. from the land.

The appellant appealed on the ground that there was no breach of planning control and the service of the notice, on the basis of it being incorrectly served.

The Inspector considered the development on site and confirmed that a material change of use had occurred, and that unauthorised associated structures were also in place. He further considered that the notice had been correctly served. Whilst he noted that some had to be reserved due to the recipients not signing for recorded delivery mail, the re-service in person by Officers he considered to be acceptable and suitably evidenced.

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Appeal outcome

Minor changes to the wording of the notice were made by the Inspector; however these made no difference to the content and requirements of it. The Enforcement Notice was upheld subject to those amendments.

Costs were neither sought nor awarded.

Further issues

The matter has now been referred to the Enforcement Team for further action, to ensure compliance with the notice as varied.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that

the item of information be noted.