

Cllr Dinah Barry

Via email

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Date : 29 January 2015

**Unauthorised Hand Car Wash  
Land adjacent to 5 Bourne Hill**

Dear Cllr Barry

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the unauthorised car wash operating in Bourne Hill.

The hand car wash was refused planning permission under planning reference 14/02743/FUL on 1 September 2014. Subsequently the site became operational within one week of this decision without planning permission.

On 19 September 2014 a Temporary Stop Notice was served requiring all unauthorised activity on the site to cease. Monitoring of the site identified breaches of this Notice, therefore a prosecution file was raised.

On 14 November 2014 an Enforcement Notice and Full Stop Notice were served requiring the all activities to cease and all structures, plant and materials to be removed from the site. Further monitoring of the site identified breaches of the Full Stop Notice, therefore further information was set out within the prosecution file.

I can confirm that both the planning refusal and Enforcement Notice are currently at appeal stage with the Planning Inspectorate, therefore the Enforcement Notice is in abeyance until a decision has been made.

The appeal process however does not remove the requirements set out within the Full Stop Notice. The Full Stop Notice requires all unauthorised activity on the site to cease and continues to be in effect. Therefore the car wash operates in breach of this Notice through the appeal process, each breach being a criminal offence.

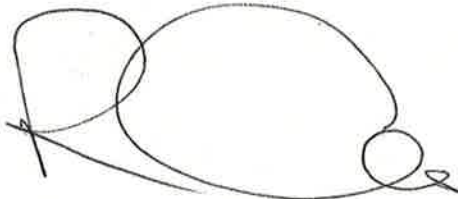
Summons were served on all parties on 17 November 2014. We attended magistrates court on 18 December 2014 and 20 January 2015. A court date has been set for 20 February 2015.

As the unauthorised car wash continues to operate in breach of the Full Stop Notice we are now in the process of applying for an Injunction in the High Court. This will provide further powers to prevent the unauthorised activity taking place. I will update you further on the date of this application as soon as possible.

We will continue to monitor the site through this process, and I can assure you that we will progress this matter as quickly as possible to both prosecute the owners and operators of the car wash and prevent the continued blatant disregard for highway safety and the amenity of neighbouring residents.

I will update you further when the Injunction application is in place and our intended next course of action.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

Robert Oles  
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