

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD

14 MARCH 2013

FUTURE OF THE PETER BLACK SITE

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Area Board on developments with regards the serving of an enforcement notice at the former Peter Black Site in Trowbridge.

Background

2. The Council served an Untidy Site Notice under Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 on the owners of the site on 04 March 2013.
3. The Notice takes effect on 04 April 2013 and requires the following actions to be carried out within three months:
 - I. Cut back all soft landscaping on all boundaries of the Land (excluding formal trees) so that the soft landscaping is no greater than 2 metres in height when measured from natural ground level and is not overhanging the boundaries of the Land.
 - II. Cut back all soft landscape areas within the Land (excluding formal trees and formal grassed areas) so that the soft landscaping is no greater than 2 metres in height when measured from natural ground level.
 - III. Cut back all formal grassed areas within the Land.
 - IV. Remove all weeds (including buddleia, brambles, creepers and self seeding trees) on all boundaries of the Land.
 - V. Remove all weeds (including buddleia, brambles, creepers and self seeding trees) within the Land and on all buildings within the Land.
 - VI. Permanently remove to an authorised place of disposal all material resulting from steps 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 above from the Land.
 - VII. Permanently remove to an authorised place of disposal all rubbish, rubble and detritus from the Land.
 - VIII. Repair and secure all gates and fencing on the boundaries of the Land.
 - IX. Remove all graffiti from the buildings within the Land or paint-out all graffiti from the buildings within the Land with a colour that matches the existing building colours.

- X. Board up and paint all the windows of the office building on the western end of the land with a colour that matches the existing building colour.
 - XI. In addition to requirement 10 above, board up and paint all broken windows and all ground floor windows of all other buildings within the Land with a colour that matches the existing building colours.
4. Provided the owner does not appeal to the Magistrates Court, which would delay the Notice coming into effect, the above should be completed by no later than 04 July 2013.

Future Action

- 5. Officers have continued dialogue with the administrators in order to resolve the issues within the timescale specified in the Notice, will monitor the site to ensure compliance with the notice within the required timescale and will review whether further action is necessary following the end of the period for compliance.
- 6. Such further action could include prosecution and/or the Council undertaking works in default
- 7. Members need to be aware that Planning Committee authorisation would be required for the latter course of action as there are significant costs implications and the Council does not have a budget for direct action.

Recommendations

- 8. That the Area Board note the report and receive a further update as progress is made.

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Appendices

None