

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

**EASTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Date: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

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**Subject: Untidy site at Rum Jungle, Snails Lane, Devizes, Wiltshire  
SN10 1DB**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To inform Members of the outcome of enforcement action to remedy the poor condition of the above site.

**Background**

2. Members will recall that a report concerning this matter was previously brought to the Eastern Area Planning Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2013. At that meeting, Members authorised direct action to secure compliance with a Section 215 'untidy site' notice which had been served in respect of the poor condition of the site.
3. Temporary permission had originally been given in August 1991 for stationing a mobile home on the site. However permission expired upon the death of the occupier in 2010.
4. In view of the dilapidated nature of the mobile home and the untidy condition of the site in general, your officers initially sought to persuade the owners (who did not live in the UK) to improve the appearance of the site voluntarily. However when negotiations broke down, an untidy site notice under Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), was issued in January 2013:



5. The notice required the following works to be carried out within two months of its taking effect:
- (a) Permanently remove from the Land the mobile caravan, the brick base foundation and all resulting demolition materials.
  - (b) Permanently remove from the Land the small wooden side extension including the tiled steps and all resulting demolition materials.
  - (c) Permanently remove from the Land all garden paraphernalia including all plastic/ceramic plant pots, all polystyrene trays, chairs, plastic buckets, garden spade, plastic bags, 1x steel frame, 1 wooden table, shopping basket, 1 brick built BBQ.
  - (d) Permanently remove from the Land 1x garden shed and all contents therein and all resulting materials.
  - (e) Permanently remove from the Land 1 x small wooden structure adjacent to the public footpath.

6. Following authorisation of direct action, contractors acting on behalf of the Council took the steps required to comply with the notice over a period of three days at the end of 2013:



7. The Council will seek to recover its expenses as a result of the carrying out of the works by registering the cost of the works against the Land as a land charge, recoverable at the point of sale.

### **Recommendation**

**A: That Members note the report**

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Date of report: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

### **Background Papers**

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report:

None.

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