

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE – 12 OCTOBER 2005**

### **Report of the Chief Solicitor**

#### **Enforcement Item**

#### **Enforcement issues at Creech Paper Mills, Creech St Michael.**

#### **Background**

There have in the past been various enforcement issues in relation to the complex at Creech Paper Mills. In particular Members may recall the item considered at the meeting of the Committee on the 26 January 2005 when Members considered an enforcement notice served in respect of an alleged unauthorised use of the site for a crane hire business. Members were advised that on detailed consideration the actual use was not in fact a breach of planning permission and that the enforcement notice should be withdrawn.

It was however identified at that stage that there were other enforcement issues at the site, including possible breaches of condition and an unauthorised vent on the building occupied by County Hardwoods.

The Development Control Manager has delegated authority to serve Breach of Condition notices, and these are currently being dealt with.

In respect of the unauthorised vent, Environmental Health have also been involved as there have been related noise complaints. The owner initially indicated that he would submit an application for the vent but has subsequently advised that the vent would be removed. To date this has not occurred.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that unless the vent is removed within four weeks from the date of the meeting, the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to serve an enforcement notice and commence prosecution action, subject to satisfactory evidence, should the notice not be complied with.

#### **Chief Solicitor**

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