

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE – 31ST OCTOBER, 2007**

### **Report of the Development Manager**

#### **ENFORCEMENT ITEM**

##### **Parish: Burrowbridge**

1. **File/Complaint Number** E17/51/2005
2. **Location of Site** Moor Cottage, Stathe Road, Burrowbridge.
3. **Names of Owners** Mr D Bond, Moor Cottage, Stathe Road, Burrowbridge.
4. **Names of Occupiers** Mr D Bond, Moor Cottage, Stathe Road, Burrowbridge.

##### 5. **Nature of Contravention**

Untidy site and vehicles parked on highway.

##### 6. **Planning History**

There have been previous concerns regarding this site where it was alleged that a car repair business was being operated. Investigations were carried out and it was found that at the time no business activity was being conducted. However, over the past 12 –18 months the site has become extremely cluttered and untidy with vehicle parts stored on the site and what appear to be scrap vehicles. Due to the limited curtilage of the property the use of space on the land to store the various items has resulted in the vehicles owned by the property cannot be parked off road. This has caused vehicles to be parked on the highway, which has significantly reduced the width of the road adding to the already narrow road. It is thought that if the majority of items were removed from the site the vehicles could be accommodated off the road.

##### 7. **Reasons for taking Action**

The site is within open countryside and is clearly visible from a wide area. The storage of various items of a vehicle/scrap nature has a serious detrimental effect on the countryside. Added to this the vehicles owned by the occupier could be parked off the road if all or most of the site were cleared alleviating any possible traffic hazard to road users.

##### 8. **Recommendation**

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to serve a Section 215 notice requiring the owner to clear the site of unsightly items.

**In preparing this report the Planning Officer has considered fully the implications and requirements of the Human Rights Act 1998.**

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