

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 16 JUNE, 2004

Report of the Chief Planning Officer

ENFORCEMENT ITEM

Parish: Creech St Michael

- 1. File/Complainant Number** E146/14/2003
- 2. Location of Site** Creech Mills, Mill Lane, Creech St Michael, Taunton
- 3. Names of Owners** Mr N Smyth, Managing Director
- 4. Names of Occupiers** Sparrow Crane Hire
- 5. Nature of Contravention**
Use of site for Mobile Crane business

6. Planning History

Complaints were received that an area of land was being used to operate a crane hire business. The land was used as an overnight storage facility for a crane hire company based in Bristol. Up to 4 cranes are stored on the site and often leave in the early hours of the morning. This has a detrimental effect on the residents living along the access road into Creech Mills as the cranes leave site at about 5 a.m. From investigating the planning history there is no planning permission on the site, which allows for the storage and operation of such a business therefore the use is unauthorised. Numerous letters have been sent to the owner requesting an application in order to regularise the situation but to date no application has been received.

7. Reasons for Taking Action

It is considered that the operation of the mobile crane business from the site has a detrimental effect on the neighbouring residential properties especially when the cranes leave site in the early hours of the morning. The use also increases the amount of traffic along an already heavily used and sub-standard access road

8. Recommendation

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to serve an enforcement Notice and take prosecution proceedings, subject to satisfactory evidence in the event that the notice is not complied with.

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

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