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ST ALBANS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991)

## **ENFORCEMENT NOTICE**

# LAND REAR OF 28-34 AND 52-58 NORTH COTTAGES, THE DRIVE, LONDON COLNEY, HERTFORDSHIRE

#### WHEREAS:-

- (1) It appears to the Council of the City and District of St Albans "the Council"), being the local planning authority for the purposes of Section 172 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991) ("the Act") in this matter, that there has been a breach of planning control within paragraph (a) of Section 171A(1) of the Act within the last 10 years on the land or premises ("the land") described in Schedule 1 below.
- The breach of planning control which appears to have taken place consists in the carrying out of development by the making of the material **change in the use of the land** described in Schedule 2 below, without the grant of planning permission required for that development.
- (3) The Council consider it expedient, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and to all other material considerations, to issue this Enforcement Notice, in exercise of their powers contained in the said Section 172, for the reasons set out in the annex to this Notice.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council require that the steps specified in Schedule 3 below be taken in order to remedy the breach within the period of 56 days from the date on which this Notice takes effect.

**THIS NOTICE SHALL TAKE EFFECT**, subject to the provisions of Section 175(4) of the Act, on 3 October 2008

Issued 22 August 2008

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## **SCHEDULE 1**

Land or premises to which this Notice relates

Land rear of 28-34 and 52-58 North Cottages, The Drive, London Colney, Hertfordshire

(edged red on the attached plan).

## **SCHEDULE 2**

Alleged breach of planning control

Unauthorised use of land for storage of containers, mechanical plant, building and landscaping materials.

## **SCHEDULE 3**

Steps required to be taken

Remove the storage containers, mechanical plant, building and landscaping materials.

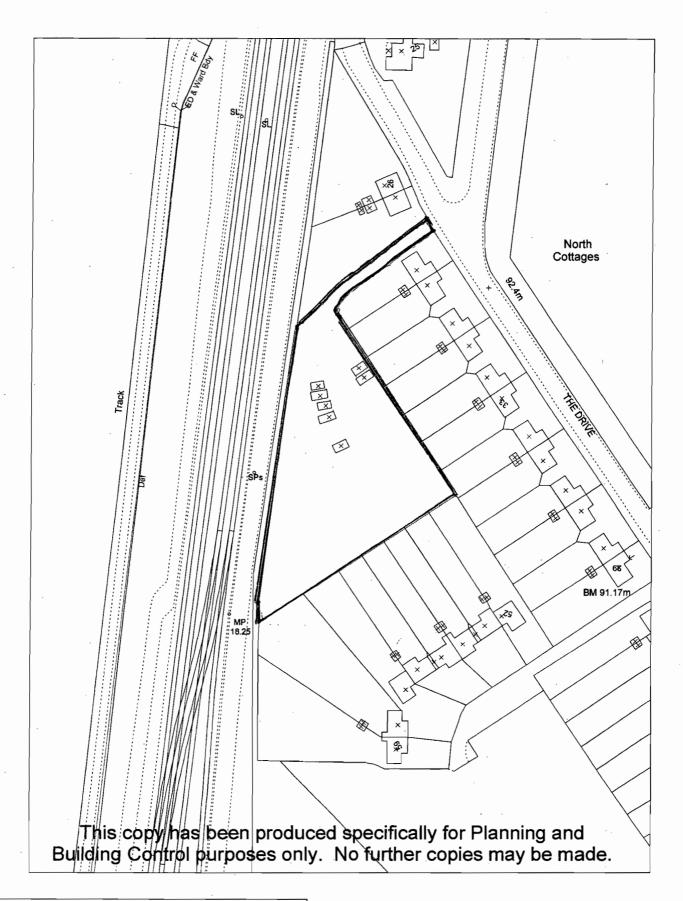
YOUR ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE ATTACHED BOOKLET WHICH EXPLAINS YOUR RIGHT OF APPEAL AGAINST THIS NOTICE. YOU SHOULD READ IT CAREFULLY.

## **ANNEX**

Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement Notices and Appeals) Regulations 2002

The Council consider it expedient to issue the attached Enforcement Notice under Section 172 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991) for the following reasons:-

- 1. The site lies within the Metropolitan Green Belt in the Hertfordshire County Structure Plan and St Albans District Review 1994, wherein permission will only be given for the erection of new buildings or the use of existing buildings or land for agricultural, or participatory sport or recreation. The use of this land is therefore inappropriate in terms of Policy 1 of the St Albans District Local Plan Review 1994, the use cannot be justified and there are no exceptional circumstances.
- 2. The storage of materials, equipment, containers and plant within the site forms an unduly obtrusive feature, which is detrimental to the visual amenity of the locality and harmful to the openness of the Green Belt. The development is contrary to Policy 1 of the St Albans District Local Plan Review 1994.



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