

Dear Cllrs / MP's Office / Parish Council,

The Enforcement Team has received a written communication from an occupant of the site setting out that a replacement static mobile home will be delivered to the site later this afternoon. The existing unit that it will be replacing will be removed from the site between next Monday-Wednesday. Limited mitigation has been set out in the correspondence.

Whilst I appreciate that ordinarily there are traffic issues with such an operation, the Enforcement Team has no power over matters of obstruction to the highway network, but I have passed this information on to Thames Valley Police, as I am aware many residents are likely to contact them.

In terms of the planning matters surrounding the replacement unit, as before, so long as the replacement unit is not materially larger, then previous legal advice is such that it does not amount to a breach of the terms of the Injunction Order. Notwithstanding, I appreciate that there will be a small period of time that there will be 9 units occupying the site for a period of 4-6 days, which in my opinion will create a technical breach of the terms of the Order. Given that this will no doubt not go un-noticed by residents, and given that we have received this information prior to the operations occurring, I have already sent a legal advice request on how the Enforcement Team should respond, namely what matters need to be considered prior to any formal action being instigated, and if any formal action is within the public interest addressing any technical breach. This may take 24/48 hours to be received back, depending on external counsel commitments.

I anticipate that the intended actions will create a volume of complaints and email traffic, and as has been agreed, my updates will be directed to the recipients that are the subject of this email and I must reiterate the point that I do not have capacity to respond to individual email traffic from residents directly. Once the initial legal advice has been received, I shall have a case conference with the Team Manager and Deputy Head of Planning and will advise of any action that may be considered.

For the avoidance of doubt, Officers cannot attend to physically stop any new lorry or mobile home entering the site, the matters can only be addressed via the Court post operations, so please resist any submissions from residents that demand we attend the site to 'stop' any potential breach from occurring. If/when the replacement unit is in place, a site visit will be carried out to inspect the matters arising.

I trust this updates you in advance of what may unfold later today.

Kind regards,



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