

East Sussex County Council Planning Committee 12 July 2023

Development Management Matters:

Annual Report by the Director of Communities, Economy & Transport

Development Management Matters – Update 1st January 2023 – 30th June 2023

Enforcement

New cases received:	36
Total cases resolved:	25
(14 new cases, 11 older cases)	
Outstanding cases being investigated:	41

Site Monitoring

Nothing of significance to report in terms of inspections.

Letters sent to operators relating to forthcoming visits of approximately 120 mineral and waste sites

Development Management Performance

Performance on Planning Applications for 2022/23

County Matter Applications – 100% within 13 weeks or an agreed EoT

County Council Applications – 100% within 8 weeks or an agreed EoT

Government Statistics on Performance

County Matter applications - Outturn figure for 24 months ending March 2023 – 100%

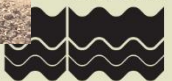
Breakdown of applications/cases dealt with 2022/23 (with comparison to 2021/22)

Type	2021/2022	2022/2023
County Council applications determined	17	16
County Matter applications determined	6	4
Cross Boundary Applications	2	0
Applications withdrawn	6	5
Non-material amendment applications determined	3	6
Lawful Development certificates	0	1
Prior Notification	0	0
Formal Pre-Application Advice	12	18
“Do I need planning permission” requests	11	22
Minerals/Waste Safeguarding and other consultations	57	57
EIA Screening Opinion requests	0	5

Example of Site Monitoring



Examples of Enforcement Sites (1)



Examples of Enforcement Sites (2)



Examples of Enforcement Sites (3)



Examples of Enforcement Sites (4)



Joint Working

Plant breached air quality guidelines

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A Newhaven asphalt plant has breached air quality guidelines, but says it is working with Lewes District Council to resolve the issues.

FM Conway in North Quay Road is an engineering contractor specialising in highways and other infrastructure work.

A spokesperson for Lewes District Council, said: "FM Conway is a roadstone coating plant and is required to hold an environmental permit.

"Conway Newhaven was found to be in breach of a number of the conditions set down in their permit.

"We are working closely with Conway Newhaven and



FM Conway in Newhaven found to be in breach of air quality guidelines

East Sussex County Council to put right the issues that caused the breach.

"The odour issues affecting nearby residents have

decreased noticeably of late; this is due to the extensive improvement measures put in place which include a new stack odour control system

along with on-site air monitoring."

A spokesperson for the firm, said: "FM Conway is working with regulatory authorities to identify operational enhancements that ensure we continue to comply with permitted activities.

"As a local employer, operating and investing in the industrial sector that supports Newhaven's town, port and the surrounding area, we are committed to positively impacting the local community."

Cllr James MacCleary, who resides in and represents Newhaven, said on social media: "The latest update is that the Council's overworked environmental health officer has found Conway to be in breach of air quality guidelines.

"They have been ordered to make urgent improve-

ments to various aspects of how their chimney operates as it appears that key air filtration measures were not being followed.

"Conway have been given a list of urgent improvements that they must make and have started to implement changes.

"It has been noticeable that the smell isn't so bad recently so it looks like those measures are starting to have a positive effect.

"We all know that we live in a town with substantial heavy industry and will have to put up with some noise and odours, but we should also expect businesses to abide by the rules."

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