

Dear Sarah,

I hope you had a nice Christmas and have a happy new year.

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the Dun Horse. I have had a look through the associated applications in order to ascertain the current situation with this site.

I think key to this particular issue is application DC/19/1389 which is to change the use of the premises from a pub to flats. The works you describe appear to be in anticipation of the granting of permission for this development?

Having read the numerous items of correspondence relating to this application, it is clear that we are nearing the end of the application stage with an aim of presenting it to the planning committee in February 2020. Whilst this timeline is subject to obtaining further information, it is achievable and looks to be the likely outcome. With this relatively short timeframe in mind, it would not be expedient to pursue enforcement action if the allegation was proven. However, I have taken the opportunity to write to the developer to remind him that any work carried out prior to receiving planning consent is entirely at his own risk. Furthermore, if consent is not granted then enforcement action may be considered against any work he has already carried out.

I have sent a memo to the planning officer concerned asking that I am informed if planning consent is not granted. Should that be the case then, subject to any appeal, I will commence a compliance investigation.

Kind regards

Rob

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