

ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

of the ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on FEBRUARY 25th 2025 in the Reading Room, Eriswell

Present:

Cllr G Tolmie (Chairman) Cllr J Foster (Vice Chairman)

Cllr A Bibbey Cllr B Foster

In attendance: N Glading, parish clerk, Sqn Ldr Adam Eaton, Mr A Blenkiron (MD Elveden Estates) and three members of the public

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2025/120	CHAIRMANS WELCOME and RECORDING OF MEETING
a.	The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. No recording declared.
b.	Councillors' resignation: Cllr L Hall will leave the parish council in March 2025.
	Notices of Vacancy sheets are displayed.
2025/ 121	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
a.	Apologies for absence were received from C/Cllr Noble, PC Green. Note: after the
	meeting closed Cllr A James had sent apologies by email.
	The councillors consented to accept the apologies received.
2025/ 122	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
	None
2025/123	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD in January 2025
a.	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in January 2025 were unanimously
	AGREED as an accurate record; the Chairman was authorised to sign the same.
b.	The minutes and letter arising from the extraordinary meeting held on 19 th Feb 2025
	were unanimously AGREED as an accurate record.
C.	Business remaining from the meeting not on this agenda: none.
2025/124	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
	The black and white posts on the corner (warning of bend) are in disrepair
	The main notice is on the skew on `our` side.
	Cllr G Tolmie will report.
	Issues relating to Elveden tenants had been notified prior to the meeting.
2025/125	UPDATES FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
a.	Update from Sqd. Ldr. Adam Eaton RAF Lakenheath.
	Please see Appendix A
	Sqn Ldr Eaton left the meeting
b.	Update from C/Cllr Colin Noble:
	Not present
C.	Update from West Suffolk D/Cllr Gerald Kelly and /or D/Cllr Tracy Whitehead
	Not present
d.	Update from PC A Green/ representative of Suffolk Police
	Not present

e.	<u>Update from Mr A Blenkiron, MD, Elveden Farms</u>
	51 The Lodge is currently vacant.
	51A: application for solar has been withdrawn
	Permissive path: Sarah has finding for info boards and interpretation boards.
	The Chequers pub is re-opening.
2025/126	LORDS WALK UPDATES
b.	Update on Radcliffe Road streetlights (Suffolk County Council Streetlighting) Clerk
	to chase C/Cllr Noble.
C.	Update on Unsafe/broken footpath light between Myrtle and Hawthorne (Suffolk
	Council Streetlighting) Clerk to chase C/Cllr Noble.
d.	Update on Base collection facility - Amazon lockers and van collections (Sqn Ldr
	Eaton) covered previously at 125a. See Appendix A. "Further negotiations with
	Amazon for the installation of lockers has been undertaken and a new site
	identified"
e.	Update on advertising signage (Planning Enforcement WSC) These hoardings
	remain a hideous blot on the landscape and distract drivers. Clerk to chase D/Cllr
0005/407	Kelly & D/Cllr T Whitehead
2025/127	MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING
a.	Application no: DC/25/0189/FUL was considered. Expiry: 4 March 2025
	Proposal: Planning application - installation of 351KWp ground mounted solar
	array to generate energy for the adjacent borehole irrigation pump Location:
	Access Roads in And Around Eriswell
	Applicant: Miss Sarah Shepherd, Elveden Farms Ltd
	Cllr Tolmie explained that he had been to see the location: bridleway 7 when it turns into
	bridleway 8. One row then a smaller row. Three inverters. The provision will generate some electricity for the Estate.
	Decision: APPROVE
	Clerk informed WSC planning officer by email 28.02.2025
2025/128	FINANCE/ AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ DONATIONS/OTHER EXPENDITURE
a.	February 2025 itemised expenditure/ invoices for payment were unanimously
	AGREED See Appendix B
	Cllrs Tolmie/ J Foster to authorise payment online
	Cllr Bibbey is still awaiting his Lloyds card and machine. Clerk to chase
b.	The councillors considered the offer from CAS for EPC domain name and email
	addresses (Appendix C) Name was agreed as eriswellparishcouncil.gov.uk
	Clerk to go ahead with this when Cllr Bibbey has access to online facility
c.	Update on banking arrangements: Cllrs Tolmie and Foster confirmed as having full
	authorisation on the Lloyds account. Awaiting confirmation from Lloyds on Cllr
	Bibbey's authorisation.
d.	The EPC Accounts 2024 to 2025 to end January 2025 were RECEIVED (Appendix D)
	(i) Payments
	(ii) Receipts
	(iii) Bank reconciliation and copies statements
2025 (4.22	(iv) Expenditure/ Budget
2025/129	SID REPORT Papart from SID management valuation C Talmia (December 2024 and January)
a.	Report from SID management volunteer G Tolmie (December 2024 and January
2025/130	2025) January 2025 report sent to Cllrs 21/02/2025 (Appendix E) EPC EMERGENCY PLAN REVIEW
a.	Deferral until new email addresses are in place

2025/131	GOVERNANCE: POLICY REVIEWS
a.	The following were reviewed:
	1. EPC Standing Orders
	2. EPC Financial Regulations
	3. EPC Asset Register*
	* Clerk to obtain current valuation for War Memorial
2027//22	it was RESOLVED to agree 1, 2 & 3
2025/132	CHAIRMANS and OTHER REPORTS
a.	Chairmans/ clerk report (on the night) Cllr Tolmie has been in touch with a
	gentleman from Fly Rentals, the exit opening is currently blocked by cars.
	Neon red sign: the power is disconnected: planning enforcement has visited. The
	scaffolding to remain up until the outcome of planning application is known. Q: A large container has appeared/? It can be seen from the road, an eyesore; does
	it need planning permission? Clerk to ascertain
	The clerk drew attention to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 215
	(Summary at Appendix F)
	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a7973c5ed915d07d35b59cc/319
	798.pdf
	b. Playground inspection training: It was AGREED that Cllr Tolmie will attend, Cllr J
	Foster to consider and she will inform the clerk. Cost is £125 per person
C.	Councillors' reports (on the night)
	none
d.	Reports from other groups
	a) <u>Eriswell Recreation Ground Management Committee</u> Report from Cllr
	Tolmie: we met two weeks ago 18/02/2025. A fair bit of money has been
	achieved to replace 2 of the 3 swing seats, replace the playground bark
	and update the Pavilion kitchen.
	Thanks to Elveden for removing ivy. The group are planning a couple of
	working parties to kick start the repairs and maintenance.
	b) Reading Room Committee Report from Cllr Bibbey: an outdoor
	electrical point has been installed by Mr Brunning. There is a load of
	gardening work to do. Mr Blenkiron has asked Tony to come and look at
	the windows. PRS have been told that there are no public performances.
	When we are using the facility fully, we will obtain a licence
	c) <u>Poor's Charity</u> Report from Cllr B Foster: a meeting is scheduled for later
	on in the year. There used to be a village Christmas monetary gift, Cllr B
	Foster will investigate further.
	d) <u>Eriswell Footpath Warden</u> Report from Cllr G Tolmie: Path 2 and path 5
	have been looked at. A new fence been put up. The riverlet marks the
	border between Eriswell and Lakenheath.
2025/133	EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION:
	There was a meeting at Lakenheath: Sports England asking people what
	would get moving/ fitter e.g. MUGA 3G pitch Tennis Court
	The point was made that Eriswell is Lakenheath's `little sister`
	Cllr Tolmie's footpath tour and history in 2024 was a great way to make
	walking interesting, and the refreshments provided by Cllr J Foster were very
	welcome

- VE Day: Clerk to find out cost of memorial seats or a gate and fence round the pavilion
- The peace camp is coming back once a month.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Meetings 2025 March 25th 2025/ April 29th 2025 Annual Assembly/ May 27th 2025 Annual Parish Council Meeting / June 24th 2025/ July 29th 2025/ August 2025 Summer break/ September 30th 2025/ October 28th 2025/ November 25th 2025/ December 2025 to be confirmed nearer the time

Appendix A Sqd. Ldr. Adam Eaton

Update from Sqd. Ldr. Adam Eaton RAF Lakenheath

Now that new Flight Restricted Zones have been established, guidance on the use of drones near to military establishments has been issued to all the local Town/Parish Councils.

- 48FW continue to win awards and have recently been recognised as having the best maintenance group in USAFE (for the third year running) and the best Force Support Squadron.
- The Wing held their Annual Awards Event on Friday 21st February, recognising the best airmen and officers for their contributions over the previous 12 months.
- Higher level of coping with an abundance of orders from the White House
- Lockers/Drop off locations. Further negotiations with Amazon for the installation of lockers has been undertaken and a new site identified (see map below). A draft lease with the landowner has been agreed. Amazon have agreed to survey the site and we are waiting for this



to be completed.

- 48FW CES have been tasked with developing options for 'drop off' locations to ease deliveries onto the Base. These will focus on both the East and West ends of Lords Walk.
- Traffic Flow in/out of Gate 1: 48FW are aware that traffic flow to and from the Base can cause significant traffic disruption at peak times, especially along the A1065. As a result, discussions with Suffolk Highways have commenced to examine options to alleviate the issue.
- VE Day. The 80th anniversary of VE day is being commemorated later this year in May. Should the Parish Council be planning any activity that they would like members of the 48FW to attend, then please contact Vikki Quamina, the Community Relations Advisor in due course with details (48FW.CRA@us.af.mil).

Q: There has been a press article about reduction in budgets?

A: That would not be the first time. Appear to be two categories- GS US citizens and local citizens, there is conflicting advice.

Noted: about to stop night flying

Appendix B Payments

Staff- February 2025 £466.45 (payslip signed by Chairman)

HMRC £719.03 (uncashed cheques lost in post/ otherwise unreceived by HMRC)

HMRC UNDERPAYMENT: Email from Suffolk Association of Local Councils (Payroll is outsourced to this organisation)

ENAIL FROM SALC PAYROLL SERVICE (Charlotte Haines):

Dear Nicky

It is for unpaid amounts dating back to January 2024:

Monthly bills that you need to pay

Period	Bill due date	Interest amount	Amount due
6 Jun to 5 Jul month 3 PAYE bill 2024 to 2025	22 Jul 2024	£4.95	£121.55
6 May to 5 Jun month 2 PAYE bill 2024 to 2025	22 Jul 2024	£4.95	£121.55
6 Apr to 5 May month 1 PAYE bill 2024 to 2025	22 Jul 2024	£4.95	£121.55
6 Mar to 5 Apr month 12 PAYE bill 2023 to 2024	22 Apr 2024	£7.19	£123.79
6 Feb to 5 Mar month 11 PAYE bill 2023 to 2024	22 Apr 2024	£7.19	£123.79
6 Jan to 5 Feb month 10 PAYE bill 2023 to 2024	22 Apr 2024	£6.20	£106.80
Total amount due			£719.03

^{7&}lt;sup>th</sup> October this year for quarter ending 5th October and a payment received 7th January for quarter ending 5th January but nothing for quarter ending 5th July and quarter ending 5th April 2024 (the last financial year).

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cover letter to HMRC

14/02/2025

Dear PAYE Office

Client information ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Employer PAYE reference 475/EE05659

Accounts office reference 475PV01451813

The Eriswell Parish Council payroll is outsourced to Suffolk Association of Local Councils

It is showing as a payment received on Agent name: Charlotte Haines

I am the Eriswell parish clerk and pay the tax when advised by SALC

I received this email from the organisation that deals with the Eriswell Parish Council Payroll SALC payroll@suffolk-alc.gov.uk>

"Wed 12/02/2025

All your overdue payments - Business tax account - GOV.UK.pdf

Your HMRC account is showing outstanding PAYE Liability, I have attached a breakdown for you. Please arrange payment as soon as possible.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Charlotte Haines

Payroll Officer for Suffolk Association of Local Councils"

A copy of the attachment is enclosed

I was horrified to receive the SALC email, I do not know why the July and April payments did not reach you.

I attach a cheque for the amount that is required. I am really anxious that this is resolved. Please would you acknowledge receipt and that the account is now clear?

Yours sincerely

Nicola Glading 01842 337488

Appendix C

Domain & Name change

Hi Nicola

Thanks for that.

To get the ball rolling on this we will need the following info (items 1-6) sent back to us. Even though there is no great rush it would probably be sensible to get the order in the system as I will be on holiday in a couple of weeks which may delay things slightly.

- 1. Parish Council Name:
- 2. Clerk Name:
- 3. Postal Address:
- 4. Telephone Number:
- 5. Domain name preference: eriswell-pc.gov.uk or eriswellparishcouncil.gov.uk
- 6. List of email addresses (with first name and surnames) required:

The process will take around 1-2 weeks to complete.

Appendix D EPC Accounts to end January 2025

Payments	Ref	Chq No	Payee	Payment Details	VAT to be	Expenditure
					reclaimed	Amount in
Date						GBP
12-Apr-24		945	SCC	Streetlights		2,047.37
08-Apr-24		949	WSC	Bins		574.08
02-Apr-24		947	N Glading	Home working £79 + £23.10		102.10
				postage		
02-Apr-24		948	N Glading	Salary March 2024		466.45
28-Jun-24		955	N Glading	Salary June 2024		466.45
27-Jun-24		951	CAS	website		60.00
13-Jun-24		950	SALC	Payroll fee		54.00
04-Jun-24		952	N Glading	salary April £466.45 May		932.90
				£466.45		
10-Jul-24		953	ICO	FEE		40.00
04-Jul-24		954	Ayuntee	Internal Audit		150.00
_			Accounting			
16 August		959	SALC	Membership fee		210.03
2024		0.55				70.00
06 August		957	N Glading	Homeworking allowance		79.00
2024		956	N Cloding	Solony July 2024		466.45
06 August 2024		956	N Glading	Salary July 2024		466.45
27 August		958	Reading	Hall hire		80.00
2024		000	Room	Tidetimo		00.00
08-Oct-24		963	HMRC	Tax		349.80
			(cheque dated			
			24/09/2024)			
01-Oct-24		961	N Glading	Salary Sept 2024		466.45
01-Oct-24		960	N Glading	Salary August 2024		466.45
01-Oct-24		962	Clear	Insurance		893.90
			Insurance			
28-Nov-24		964	one suffolk	hosting		60.00
08-Nov-24		967	N Glading	Home working £79 + £30.30		109.30
				xmas lights		
08-Nov-24		965	N Glading	salary oct 24		466.45
06-Nov-24		966	SALC	payroll service		36.00
01-Nov-24		968	A Bibbey	re-imburse		194.74
12-Dec-24		971	elveden	xmas trees		399.60
			farms			
03-Dec-24		969	N Glading	salary nov 24		466.45
28-Jan-25		973	N Glading	salary dec 24		466.45
28-Jan-25		974	N Glading	salary jan 25		466.45
21-Jan-25		970	Lakenheath	wreath		20.00
			pc			
09-Jan-25		972	HMRC	Tax		349.80
						10,940.67

Expenditure allocation:

Salaries	HMRC	Payroll Services	Office Expenses	Earlsfield Projects/ Grass cutting	Hire Of Hall	Website	Training	Grass Cutting	Insurance	Subs + Audit & Bank charges	Mainenance/ Improvements/Stree t furniture	Donations\ Grants	Bin emptying	Street Lighting	Contingency/ Other	S137 (for info)
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Receipts

Receipts	Ref	From	Details	Amount	
					±
Date					cept
) rec
25-Apr-24	fpi	WSC	Precept	15,127.00	£15,127.00
Total					£15,127.00

Bank reconciliation

Opening balance	£40,127.12
April 2023	
Cash sheet balances:	
Total Receipts	£15,127.00
Total Payments	£10,940.67
	£4,186.33
	£4,186.33
Balance	£44,313.45

Excerpt from online banking account (to confirm recon)

<u>Date</u>	Description	Type?	In (£)	Out (£)	Balance (£)
28-Jan- 25	973	CHQ		466.45	44,313.45
28-Jan- 25	974	CHQ		466.45	44,779.90
21-Jan- 25	970	CHQ		20	45,246.35
09-Jan- 25	972	CHQ		349.8	45,266.35

Paper Statement





008253 PD0EAD4-20250208-5344 ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL 6, ALBERT ROLPH DRIVE LAKENHEATH BRANDON IP27 9DA



Your account statement

Issue date: 7 February 2025

Write to us at: PO Box 1000, Andover, BX1 1LT Call us on: 0345 072 5555 (from UK) +44 1733 347338 (from Overseas)

Visit us online: www.lloydsbank.com

Your branch: NEWMARKET (309558) Sort code: 30-95-58 Account number: 00072068

BIC: LOVDGB21360 IBAN: GB26 LOYD 3095 5800 0720 68

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL Our records indicate that your business is eligible for FSCS deposit protection.
Further details can be found on the Useful Information page.

Account summary

Balance On 09 Jan 2025 Total Paid In Total Paid Out £0.00 £952.90 Balance On 28 Jan 2025 £44,313.45

Account activity

Paid In (£) Paid Out (£) STATEMENT OPENING BALANCE 09 Jan 25 45.266.35 CHQ CHQ CHQ 21 Jan 25 28 Jan 25 28 Jan 25 28 Jan 25 45,246.35 44,779.90 000973 STATEMENT CLOSING BALANCE 0.00 952.90 44,313.45

The "Details" column in your statement shows the date that a Debit Card payment went into or came out of your account only if that happened on a weekend or a Bank Holiday.

Payment types: CHQ - Cheque

Expenditure/ Budget comparison

	Salaries, HMRC	HMRC	Payroll Services	Office Expenses	Earlsfield/ Grasscutting	Hire Of Hall	Website	Training	Insurance	Subs + Audit 8 Bank charges	Mainenance/ Impts	Donations\ Grants	Bin emptying	Street Lighting	Contingency / Other
Expenditure	£5,130.95	£699.60	£90.00	£260.10	£0.00	£80.00	£120.00	£0.00	£893.90	£400.03	£0.00	£0.00	£574.08	£2,047.37	£644.64
Budget	£6,000.00	£727.00	£110.00	£400.00	£250.00	£80.00	£160.00	£150.00	£800.00	£500.00	£1,400.00	£350.00	£1,000.00	£2,800.00	£400.00
Variance	-£869.05	-£27.40	-£20.00	-£139.90	-£250.00	£0.00	-£40.00	-£150.00	£93.90	-£99.97	-£1,400.00	-£350.00	-£425.92	-£752.63	£244.64

Three year budgets

Budget		2022-3	2023-4	2024-25	2025-26
Salaries		£2,692.00	£5,000.00	£6,000.00	£6,500.00
HMRC		£0.00	£400.00	£727.00	£800.00
SALC payroll service		£90.00	£110.00	£110.00	£110.00
Office expenses		£260.10	£400.00	£400.00	£400.00
Earlsfield grass		£0.00	£250.00	£250.00	£250.00
Hire of Hall/ premise		£80.00	£80.00	£80.00	£120.00
Website		£0.00	£160.00	£160.00	£420.00
Training		£150.00	£150.00	£150.00	£250.00
Insurance		£800.00	£800.00	£800.00	£950.00
Subs, charges		£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£700.00
Maintenance/improv	ements	£1,400.00	£1,500.00	£1,400.00	£1,000.00
Donations/ grants		£350.00	£350.00	£350.00	£500.00
Bin emptying		£100.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£800.00
Street Lighting		£2,800.00	£3,100.00	£2,800.00	£2,050.00
Contingency		£750.00	£749.00	£400.00	£890.00
		£9,972.10	£14,549.00	£15,127.00	£15,740.00

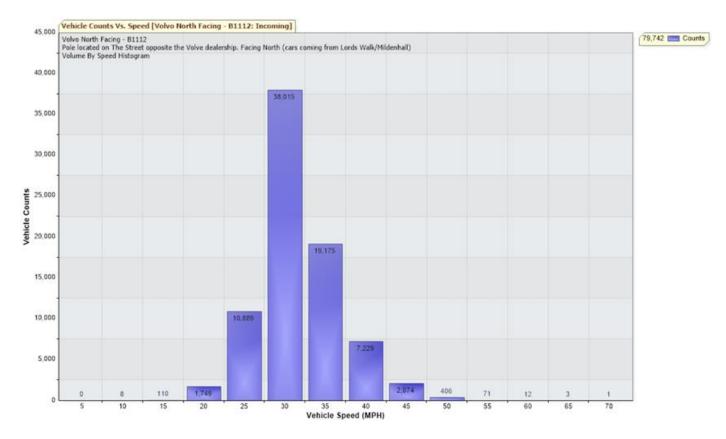
Appendix E SID Traffic Report January 2025

On 08 May 2024 at 18:00 the SID was installed on the B1112 on the pole positioned opposite the Volvo dealership, The Street, in the village of Eriswell.

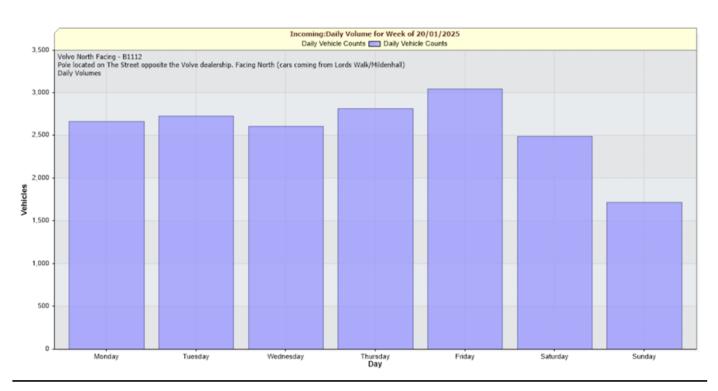
The SID was positioned to monitor traffic coming from the direction Lakenheath heading South towards Eriswell Village. Traffic speed and volumes were measured from 00:00AM 31st December up until 23:59PM on 31th January 2025. There was between 2600 and 3100 vehicles on weekdays passing this point. There was between 1750 and 2500 vehicles per day over the weekend heading towards the village. The busiest times during the week was 07:30-08:30 (Avg. 213 cars p/h) and 15:54-16:45 (Avg. 230 cars p/h).

The 85th Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below 34.4 MPH past his point. The 50th Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below 28.6 MPH past his point. The fastest speeds recorded during this period was 70MPH (x1) and 65MPH (x3). The SID is positioned 670m past where the 30MPH zone starts (460m past the T-junction).

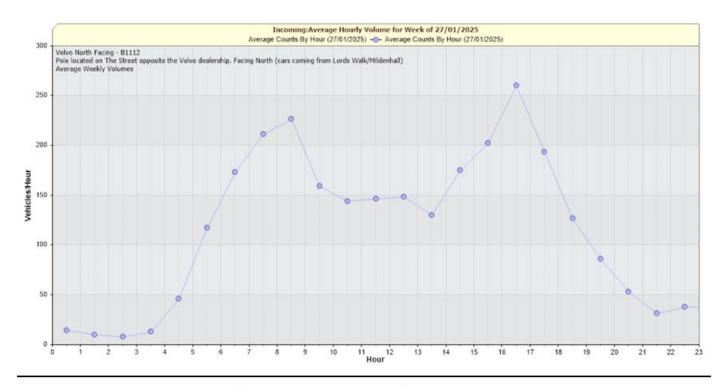
The next pages show: - Speed vs vehicle counts at the point listed above. - Typical hourly volumes (weekdays) passing this point - Community Speed Watch Team Limit (35MPH) exceedances table - SID Location aerial diagram



31/12/2024 to 31/01/2025 into Eriswell village - Traffic from Mildenhall/Lords Walk



Typical weekday volumes heading from Mildenhall/Lords Walk on B1112 into Eriswell village



Typical weekday volumes/hour heading from Mildenhall/Lords Walk on B1112 into Eriswell village

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0 - 1	23	15	33	13	18	14	11
2 - 2	8	7	17	8	7	11	13
2 - 3	11	8	12	3	14	10	10
3 - 4	18	22	26	21	23	19	10
4 - 5	63	55	63	64	69	29	28
5 - 6	88	79	82	105	108	31	13
6-7	71	76	96	103	90	31	21
7 - 8	48	64	66	80	68	41	19
8-9	54	76	93	89	98	56	40
9 - 10	39	51	62	79	69	58	67
10 - 11	49	66	50	69	73	72	79
11 - 12	54	78	82	78	95	101	79
12 - 13		47	79	116	109	91	
	59						88
13 - 14	53	50	83	96	131	92	89
14 - 15	70	74	86	115	113	97	85
15 - 16	72	78	94	113	127	82	70
16 - 17	106	111	107	133	131	74	66
17 - 18	60	83	101	101	92	73	42
18 - 19	58	59	82	68	80	60	45
19 - 20	43	41	59	50	63	43	43
20 - 21	32	25	39	30	52	33	23
21 - 22	26	22	37	33	58	31	21
22 - 23	25	41	41	54	44	26	17
23 - 24	37	27	40	40	21	27	28
Totals	1167	1255	1530	1661	1753	1202	1000

Exceeding Community Speed Watch Team Limit of 35MPH



SID Location vs Start of 30MPH zon

Appendix F

section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 can be found at this address

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a7973c5ed915d07d35b59cc/319798.pdf

Untidy Land Notices: Interpretation and grounds of appeal

Local planning authorities have the power to serve notices on landowners and occupiers requiring them to carry out works to improve land which is adversely affecting the amenity of an area. These are sometimes referred to as 'untidy land notices'.

As a result of the increasing pressures facing our town centres, dilapidated and run-down buildings risk becoming an increasingly common sight. Some local authorities are considering using untidy land notices in order to ensure that their high streets do not become run down, entering a downward spiral.

The law

A local planning authority ("LPA") may serve a notice under section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ("TCPA") where the condition of land or buildings adversely affects the amenity of an area. The section 215 notice requires the owner or occupier of the land to clean up the land or deal with the poor state of a building. It can require a wide range of works to be carried out including clearance, demolition, re-building, external repairs. Failure to comply can lead to prosecution in the Magistrates' Court and a maximum fine of £1,000. Further prosecutions can follow, with fines imposed on a daily basis. If the notice isn't complied with, the LPA has the power to enter the land and carry out the work themselves, charging the owner of the land for the costs involved.

Section 217(1) provides that a person whom is served with a section 215 notice, or any other person having an interest in the land to which the notice relates, may, within the period specified in the notice at the end of which it is to take effect, appeal against the notice to the Magistrates Court on any of the following grounds:

- (a) that the condition of the land to which the notice relates does not adversely affect the amenity of any part of the area of the local planning authority who served the notice, or of any adjoining area;
- (b) that the condition of the land to which the notice relates is attributable to, and such as results in the ordinary course of events from, the carrying on of operations or a use of land which is not in contravention of Part III of the TCPA (i.e. does not contravene planning control);

(c) that the requirements of the notice exceed what is necessary for preventing the condition of the land from adversely affecting the amenity of any part of the area of the local planning authority who served the notice, or of any adjoining area.

Commentary

Section 215 of the TCPA provides LPAs with a broad power to issue notices on landowners and occupiers where the condition of land or property appears to be adversely affecting the amenity of an area. As to whether a property is adversely affecting the amenity of an area is a matter of fact and degree and common sense. LPAs can require wide ranging works to bring the land up to an appropriate standard.

Although section 217(1)(b) provides a route to argue that land is not adversely affecting the area, an LPAs view on the matter will normally stand, absent any evidence of them acting irrationally or serving the notice on the wrong landowner.

However, LPAs must take care when drafting s215 notices to ensure that they do not seek to prohibit development which benefits from planning consent (whether by virtue of a specific planning permission or permitted development rights (as was held in the case in R (Lisle-Mainwaring) v Isleworth Crown Court and another [2017] EWHC 904)).

S215 notices must clearly specify the mischief that is to be remedied. By failing to clearly set out what aspects of the land or property is adversely affecting the amenity of the area and needs to be addressed, LPAs will leave themselves vulnerable to successful appeal, as was the case in R (Alsop) v Derbyshire Dales District Council [2012] EWHC 3562.

Section 215 notices must only be served on those who have an interest in the land that is affecting the amenity of the area.