

Looking into a possible breach of planning control

Wokingham Borough Council gets lots of complaints about alleged breaches of planning control every year. Many of them turn out not to be breaches of planning control at all.

If you are concerned about work that your neighbour is carrying out why not discuss it with them in the first instance. If you think it is work that might require planning permission you can check on the interactive guide at www.planningportal.gov.uk. This explains what can be built without the need to submit a planning application to the Borough Council. You can also speak to the Town/Parish Council or your Borough Councillor who may be able to give you more information about what is and what isn't a breach of planning control.

If you, or the Parish Council want to report an alleged breach of planning control to the Borough Council please use the form on the Borough Council's web site which can be found at: <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/planning/residents/enforcement/Report>.

The planning enforcement process is long and complicated and the Parish Council may be able to explain it in more detail to you and point you to where you can find further information. Examples of work that is not a breach of planning control include: breaches of restrictive covenants, internal works (to a non listed building), small scale running a business from home, chopping down non-protected trees, trespass, damage to property, behaviour of builders, sale of cars from the highway or grass verge, blocking a drive or private right of way, parking a touring caravan on the drive.

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