

Development Control Services

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ENFORCEMENT SITE VISIT



ENFORCEMENT CASE NUMBER: ENF/2009/0073

ADDRESS: OLD RECTORY GARDENS, SHILLINGSTONE

SITE VISIT DATE: 29.05.2009

COMPLAINT SUBJECT: ERECTION OF 2ND BLOCK OF KENNELS

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN FOR REPORT:



SITE VISIT NOTES

(Site description - actions – negotiations - measurements etc.)

Pre-arranged appointment with Mr & Mrs Blanchard (14:00 hours)

- interviewed Mr & Mrs Blanchard
- 2 (two) kennel blocks (both shown to me) first by main dwelling – second in garden secluded by mature trees. (This is the building subject of Video and complaint)
- Asked Mr & Mrs Blanchard how long second kennel block had been in place. They both stated about 9 (nine) years. However recently refurbished with a new roof and sound proofing (as required by GBGB (Greyhound Board of Great Britain))
- Examined both external and internal of kennel block to confirm on of the same as complaint – CONFIRMED

See Over for Continuation Notes

ITEMS TO REVIEW AFTER SITE VISIT

(Planning Conditions - Inaccuracies on plans - Permitted Development - etc.)

NONE – building older than four (4) years – no planning history – no enforcement action due to four (4) year rule.

Signed: John D. Cousens

Date: 29.05.2009

CONTINUATION SITE VISIT NOTES

- from appearance of the building it was my opinion that building was older than four (4) years (confirmed by Mr & Mrs Blanchard)
- prior to visit planning history of swelling shows no history of kennels being authorised, although perhaps unlawful, no enforcement action can be taken due to four (4) year rule.
- There is no evidence to show that kennels have been recently extended as there is no evidence what was previously in place. Mr & Mrs Blanchard states building not extended – again confirm nine (9) years.
- Mr & Mrs Blanchard allowed me full access to the grounds. I saw no evidence of cruelty to any animal, if seen then I would have no hesitation in reporting such.
- Mrs Blanchard showed me documents. She presently has 27 dogs (which includes two (2) wolfhounds). GBGB steward, Colin Betteridge last visited in April 2009 to look at some of the dogs. Apparently since kennel hand left they have had visits from RSPCA and GBGB.
- The conditions for keeping of and housing of the dogs are not a planning issue and I can only assess 2nd kennel block.
- NFA – no planning history – building appears older than four (4) – no enforcement action due to four (4) year rule.

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