

Site Address: On land at Whitstable Beach, Whitstable Foreshore

Planning Enforcement Reference: ENF /17/00049

Enforcement case update 9th October 2018

On the 7th July 2018, the Council served an Enforcement Notice together with a Regulation 37 Notice on the above land. The purpose of the Notice was to apprehend the unauthorised construction of oyster trestles on the foreshore at Whitstable which does not have the benefit of planning permission.

The Enforcement Notice was due to take effect on the 17th August 2018 with 2 months to comply with the requirements of the Notice which seeks to remove the oyster trestles from the Land.

On the 15th August 2018 an appeal was submitted to the Secretary of State against the Enforcement Notice. This action prevents the enforcement notice taking effect until a decision has been made on that appeal.

On the 27th September 2018 the Planning Inspectorate confirmed that the appeal had commenced and that the appeal procedure would be heard in a Public Inquiry. A start letter will be sent to the Local Planning Authority and to the appellant setting out the time frame for the appeal and the dates when certain documents are due. Once this has been received, the Council can notify persons of the appeal. The Planning Inspectorate set the appeal timetable which both Canterbury City Council and the appellant must adhere to.

On the 27th July 2018, the appellant submitted to the Secretary of State a request to make a screening direction about whether the development requires an Environmental Impact Assessment Under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Regulations) 2017. On the 5th October 2018, the Planning Inspectorate requested further information from the appellant as there was insufficient information to make that screening direction. The Planning Inspectorate have provided 90 days from the 27th September 2018 for the appellant to provide that information for that screening direction to be made. At this time this is the latest information that has been received from the Planning Inspectorate and the Council is under the jurisdiction of the Planning Inspectorate so far as the requirements of the enforcement notice are concerned.