

MATTER 18 – PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Issue 18: Has the Plan been positively prepared and is it justified, effective and consistent with national policy in respect of its policies and proposals for planning enforcement in Leicester?

476. Is Policy PE01 justified for the sustainable development of the area? What evidence is there that this approach is appropriate to Leicester?

Yes, the Council is satisfied that this policy is justified for the sustainable development of Leicester and is effective and consistent with national policy. The Council's proposed mode of operation is proportionate and clearly explained as set out in the Planning Enforcement Policy & Procedure:

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/shnfbh1z/planning-enforcement-policy-and-procedure-2020.pdf>

And appendix:

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/177866/planning-enforcement-policy-appendix-a.pdf>

The evidence that it has been an appropriate approach for Leicester, is the success that has been demonstrated in terms of dealing with a huge volume of unauthorised reported cases, dealt with by the Council as evidenced in EXAM 79.

Leicester City Council receives as an average (based on 10 years) 710 reports of suspected planning contravention and deals with 698 cases each year. It serves an average 13 enforcement notices, four S215 notices and other 107 statutory notices each year requiring information about the suspected breaches.