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## ITEM 7/1 - RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Dear Clerk,

Leicestershire County Council is responsible for over 1,915 miles (3,084km) of public rights of way, including paths in both the countryside and urban areas. These are important for leisure, travelling to work or school and health and wellbeing and are part of what makes Leicestershire a special place to live, work and thrive.

Although Leicestershire's rights of way network has developed over hundreds of years, the Council recognises that it needs to meet the current and future requirements of the public. Every council responsible for public rights of way must have a Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP).

This spring, the Council will be reviewing our existing ROWIP and producing a draft document which sets out a long-term vision to develop and manage the public rights of way network in Leicestershire.

Engagement is an important part of this process, and the Parish Councils knowledge will be invaluable in informing the ROWIP.

The Council is keen for you to provide input as part of the public engagement exercise by helping identify the priorities you feel should be included. You can do this by completing a survey and Social PinPoint mapping exercise on Leicestershire County Council's Have Your Say Webpage which will be live from 12 noon Wednesday 19th February 2025.

We would also be grateful if you can encourage your residents to have their say on what's important to them for our rights of way network.

Kind regards,

Choose How You Move Team

[choosehowyoumove@leics.gov.uk](mailto:choosehowyoumove@leics.gov.uk)

The consultation closes on Sunday 16 March 2025.

## ITEM 12 - PLANNING ENFORCEMENT – SUNNYBRAE GARAGE

Planning application: **24/01060/FUL**

Decision issued date: 16 January 2025

Proposal: Change of Use of Car Sales; Showroom and MOT Garage to Part Car Sales (Retrospective) and Part Car Wash (Sui Generis Uses); Erection of canopies and blockwork boundary wall (revised scheme of 24/00240/FUL)

Sunnybrae Garage

67 Uppingham Road

Houghton on the Hill

Decision: Application Refused

### **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINT 21 AUGUST 2024**

3. The complaint [alleged breach of planning control]

*This may be an alleged change of use, unauthorised development, concern over breaches of planning conditions, unlawful adverts etc.*

Since the unauthorised car wash on the site closed, the car sales seem to have restarted. However, the business appears to park cars on the pavement in front of the site which means that pedestrians walking along the A47 must step into the busy road to get past. Elderly people or those in wheelchairs or pushing buggies or prams may not feel safe doing so.

4. The reason for the complaint and the effect of the Development (i.e. visual impact, noise disturbance, highway safety etc.)

*Here you need to add as much detail as possible to identify the HARM and the effect of the alleged unauthorised activity/development.*

The complaint is being raised to protect the safety of residents.

## PLANNING ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINT 22 NOVEMBER 2024

3. The complaint [alleged breach of planning control]

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There are an excessive number of vehicles on site.

4. The reason for the complaint and the effect of the Development (i.e. visual impact, noise disturbance, highway safety etc.)

*Here you need to add as much detail as possible to identify the HARM and the effect of the alleged unauthorised activity/development.*

The complaint is being raised to protect the safety of residents.

From: clerk@houghtononthehillpc.org.uk <clerk@houghtononthehillpc.org.uk>

Sent: 15 January 2025 10:20

To: planningenforcement@harborough.gov.uk

Subject: Sunnybrae Garage, 67 Uppingham Road, Houghton on the Hill

Dear Officer,

Can you please provide me with an update on the status of complaints made in relation to the above premise?

Regards

Steve Derry

Clerk to the Parish Council

From: Michaela Barton <M.Barton@harborough.gov.uk>

Sent: 15 January 2025 12:39

To: clerk@houghtononthehillpc.org.uk

Subject: RE: Sunnybrae Garage, 67 Uppingham Road, Houghton on the Hill

Hi Steve

I'm waiting on the determination of the current application (24/01060/FUL) which will hopefully be this/next week.

If refused, we will pursue enforcement action, I will keep you updated.

Kind regards

Michaela

From: clerk@houghtononthehillpc.org.uk <clerk@houghtononthehillpc.org.uk>

Sent: 14 February 2025 16:00

To: Michaela Barton <M.Barton@harborough.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Sunnybrae Garage, 67 Uppingham Road, Houghton on the Hill

Dear Michaela,

We understand that the planning application was refused. What is the current situation concerning enforcement action?

Regards

Steve Derry

Hi Steve

I believe that the applicant may appeal the refusal.

They have also taken some advice on what they can lawfully do on the site in line with previous permissions.

This is not to say that enforcement action won't be taken at some point but for now we are liaising with the applicant, hopefully working towards a satisfactory position for all.

I will let you know when I have an update.

Kind regards

Michaela