

Land by Jacobs Barn, Littlehempston (reference 20/00025/ENF)

On 18 November 2025 an Enforcement Report was placed before the Planning Committee regarding the unauthorised change of use of the land from an agricultural use to a mixed use of agriculture and the siting of a mobile home and bus used for residential purposes on land at Battleford Barn, Littlehempston. At the Committee the Members discussed allowing time for a planning application to be submitted to determine whether the residential use was or was not acceptable. As part of the discussions the Development Control Manager proposed that if no valid application was submitted or any subsequent application was refused then an Enforcement Notice should be served to ensure the unauthorised residential use ceases. This was accepted by the Committee Members.

Following the Committee the resolution as published states that if a valid planning application is not received by 5pm on 30 January 2026, an Enforcement Notice be issued by 5pm, 4 February 2026 under Section 172 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to:

- i. Cease using the land for the siting of a coach for residential purposes; and
- ii. Remove from the land the unauthorised coach along with any other items associated with the unauthorised residential use from the land.

The compliance period is 6 months. In the event of the Notice not being complied with, within 6 months, the Solicitor be authorised to take further action as necessary under Section 179 of the Act.

A planning application (reference 25/02142/FUL) was submitted for change of use of agricultural land to a mixed use of agriculture/equestrian and the siting of a residential mobile home (coach/motorhome) for personal occupation by a rural worker and siting of a wooden store. This application was refused on 13 February 2026.

As the application has been refused the Council now need to serve an Enforcement Notice to ensure that unauthorised residential use ceases.

The scenario of serving an Enforcement Notice, should the application be refused, was discussed at the Committee. This course of action was not, however, included in the published resolution. As such, it is requested that the Committee agrees to serve an Enforcement Notice to cease using the land for the siting of a coach for residential purposes; and remove from the land the unauthorised coach along with any other items associated with the unauthorised residential use from the land with a

6 months compliance period. In addition in the event of the Notice not being complied with, within 6 months, the Solicitor be authorised to take further action as necessary under Section 179 of the Act.