

Update from West Northants Council re the Helmdon Old Station Local Wildlife Site as at 23.04.25

E/2024/6387 - I have now had the opportunity to discuss the case with both the owner of the site and also my Team Leader. I understand from the owner that he is carrying out the remedial works to the building, in accordance with the Certificate of Lawful Use application. In doing this work, he has brought a caravan onto the site for him and his family to reside in whilst the work is occurring, as he is not local to the village. This is deemed as permitted development whilst the build is occurring and as such there is no breach of planning control.

I am satisfied that there is currently no breach of planning control and as such no further action will be taken in respect of this matter and the case has now been closed.

E/2024/6410 – The owner of the land here has been advised to remove the caravan from the land as it is a breach of Planning control, a timescale for this has been agreed by the end of June 2025. If after this date the caravan has not been removed we will seek to take formal Enforcement action.