

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20210094**
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Department: **Planning**
Title: **Potters Bar Golf Course car park planning enforcement**
Description: **Potters Bar Golf Course car park**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

The car park at Potters Bar Golf Course appears to have been used in breach of the conditions attached to a retrospective planning consent granted in June 2020. The publicly available notes attached to the consent suggest that the pre-conditions were carefully formulated by planning officers.

What enforcement action has been taken since Hertsmere Borough Council were informed of the potential breach in July 2020, notwithstanding that the car park is currently closed due to Covid restrictions?

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

In terms of the actions undertaken, following the receipt and registration of the enforcement case (ref 20/0158/CON) on 17 August 2020, an Officer site visit was undertaken on 7 September 2020.

It was observed during the site visit that the section of the public car park on the golf club grounds, which planning permission was granted for temporary change of use to a commercial car park, has been partitioned and blocked off completely from public use using heras type fencing. The positioning of the heras type fencing is such that it has blocked off the existing footpath leading to the golf clubhouse and as also observed, a new pedestrian access has not been created to facilitate access to the golf club house from the public section of the car park, as required by Condition 3 of the related permission (ref 20/0130/FUL).

It was also observed that CCTV (closed circuit television) cameras and ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) cameras have not yet been installed on the partitioned section of the car park as required by Condition 4 of the permission. It was however observed that it does not appear that any significant works have been carried out to convert the partitioned section to a commercial car park. No 'Pay & Display' ticket dispensing machines were observed and it certainly did not appear that this section has been brought yet into private car park use.

It appears that the golf club grounds have been closed given the lockdown restrictions, so it is recommended that as a next course of action in the progression of this case, another Officer site visit will be undertaken when the golf club is re-opened (upon the easing of the lockdown) to establish then if Conditions 3 and 4 have been complied with and if the partitioned private car park would have been brought into use then.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

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