

## INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Clerk wrote regarding as they couldn't find an enforcement notice on the Industrial state

I was led to believe that there are enforcement notices on the Simonswood Industrial Estate, Simonswood, West Lancs. I have looked on the Environmental Agency web site and I cannot find anything.

Can you help me?

From **Nicola Hamilton** | Principal Planning Officer - Enforcement

Due to the nature of the activities on this site (waste), the site is controlled and handled by LCC as the Waste Authority and the Environment Agency, not the Borough Council.

I am aware that the Environment Agency has served a couple of notices on this site in relation to the environmental permit held by the company. One notice is to stop any further waste coming onto site and a second is to remove the waste currently on site within a given timescale. Last month, the EA have confirmed that they are currently actively monitoring these activities and compliance with its notices.

Sorry, we can only disclose those cases where a formal enforcement notice has been served. At this time, there are none within Simonswood Parish. We can however openly discuss those cases where the Parish Council has been the main source of the complaint about an alleged breach in planning control.

It's not like the weekly list of planning applications whereby we actively publish/notify the Parish Council and seek comment or objection. Reports of alleged breaches in planning control are just that, "alleged", until such time as they are confirmed breaches and an enforcement notice served. Initial reports/incidents and any actions taken during the course of our investigations remain confidential so as not to fetter our investigations and the decision making process. Updates are of course provided direct to the person(s) alleging the breach.

I trust this explains our position. Thanks