

Land at: the south side of Lower Bedfords Road, Romford

IMPORTANT - THIS COMMUNICATION AFFECTS YOUR PROPERTY

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
(as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991)**

ENFORCEMENT REFERENCE: ENF/291/23

ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

ISSUED BY: London Borough of Havering (herein after referred to as “the Council”)

- 1. THIS IS A FORMAL NOTICE** which is issued by the Council because it appears to the Council that there has been a breach of planning control, under Section 171A(1)(a) of the above Act, at the land described below. They consider that it is expedient to issue this Notice, having regard to the provisions of the development plan and to other material planning considerations.

2. THE LAND AFFECTED

The land known as land on the south side of Lower Bedfords Road, Romford shown edged in black on the attached plan 1 annexed hereto (hereinafter called “the land”).

3. THE BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL ALLEGED

Without planning permission, engineering operations in order to form a new track on the land in the approximate position shown edged red on plan 2 annexed hereto. The operational development is further shown in the photograph LBH1 attached hereto.

4. REASONS FOR ISSUING THIS NOTICE

- (1) It appears to the Council that the above breach of planning control has occurred within the last four years and that steps should be taken to remedy the breach by Section 173 4(a) or to remedy any injury to amenity which has been caused by the breach.
- (2) The land lies within the Metropolitan Green Belt and the formation of the track through importation of material has harmful impacts upon the openness of the green belt. The formation of the track and the importation of material onto the land as part of the engineering operation to form the track is consequently inappropriate development. There are no very special circumstances which outweigh the harm in principle to the Green Belt contrary to Policy G2 of the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- (3) The formation of the track through importation of material for the engineering operation has resulted in an unnatural landform which is at odds to the natural

appearance of the site and surroundings resulting in visual harm to the character and appearance of the site, contrary to Policies 26 and 27 of the Havering Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework and there are no very special circumstances which would deem the development acceptable under NPPF Policy.

(4) The Council does not consider that planning permission should be granted because planning conditions attached to any consent would not overcome these problems.

(5) As the track has been installed in connection with the use of the land for equine purposes the Council does not accept that permitted development rights under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 would allow the engineering operation to form the track.

5. WHAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO

within 1 day of the effective date of the Notice to:

1. Cease the importation of all materials into/onto the site;

AND

within 3 months of the effective date of the Notice to:

2. Remove from the land the track together with all imported materials which are on the land as to the engineering operation to form the track, restoring the land to its original condition before the development took place.

AND

3. Remove all other debris, rubbish or other materials accumulated as a result of taking step (2) above.

6. TIME FOR COMPLIANCE

In regard to Requirement 1 – ONE DAY after the date the Notice takes effect

In regard to Requirements 2 and 3 THREE MONTHS after the date when this Notice takes effect.

7. WHEN THIS NOTICE TAKES EFFECT

This Notice takes effect on **12th January 2024**, unless an appeal is made against it beforehand

Dated: **6th December 2023**

Signed: 

Simon Thelwell
Head of Strategic Development

Authorised Officer on behalf of London Borough of Havering, Town Hall, Main Road,
Romford, RM1 3BB

Nominated Officer to contact regarding this Notice: Chris Stathers (Principal Planning Enforcement Officer)

Telephone Number: **01708 433619**

Email: chris.stathers@havering.gov.uk

THE RIGHT TO APPEAL

Those with a legal or equitable interest in the land or who is a relevant occupier can appeal against this Enforcement Notice to the Planning Inspectorate acting on behalf of the Secretary of State before **12th January 2024**. Further details are given in the attached explanatory note.

WHAT HAPPENS IF AN APPEAL IS NOT RECEIVED

If an appeal is not received against this Enforcement Notice, it will take effect on **12th January 2024** and you must then ensure that the required steps for complying with it, for which you may be held responsible, are taken within the period specified in the Notice.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN ENFORCEMENT NOTICE WHICH HAS TAKEN EFFECT CAN RESULT IN PROSECUTION AND/OR REMEDIAL ACTION BY THE COUNCIL.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

A summary of Sections 171A, 171B and 172 to 177 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) can be viewed online at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk>

THE RIGHT TO APPEAL

Any appeal must be in writing and received, or posted (with the postage paid and properly addressed) in time to be received in the ordinary course of the post, by the Planning Inspectorate before **12th January 2024**.

If an appeal against this Notice is intended, the instructions given on the information sheet from the Planning Inspectorate which accompanies this Notice should be followed.

GROUND OF APPEAL

The grounds of appeal are set out in Section 174 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) you may appeal on one or more of the following grounds:

- (a) that, in respect of any breach of planning control which may be constituted by the matters stated in the Notice, planning permission ought to be granted, as the case may be, the condition or limitation concerned ought to be discharged;
- (b) that those matters have not occurred;
- (c) that those matters (if they occurred) do not constitute a breach of planning control;
- (d) that, at the date when the notice was issued, no enforcement action could be taken in respect of any breach of planning control which may be constituted by those matters;
- (e) that copies of the Enforcement Notice were not served as required by section 172;
- (f) that steps required by the notice to be taken, or the activities required by the notice to cease, exceed what is necessary to remedy any breach of planning control which may be constituted by those matters or, as the case may be, to remedy any injury to amenity which has been caused by any such breach;
- (g) that any period specified in the notice in accordance with section 173(9) falls short of what should reasonably be allowed.

Not all these grounds may be relevant to you.

PLANNING APPLICATION FEE

Should you wish to appeal on ground (a) - that planning permission should be granted for the unauthorised development or use, then a fee of **£586** is payable to the Council when the appeal is lodged. If this fee is not paid, the planning merits of the appeal will not be considered by the Planning Inspector.

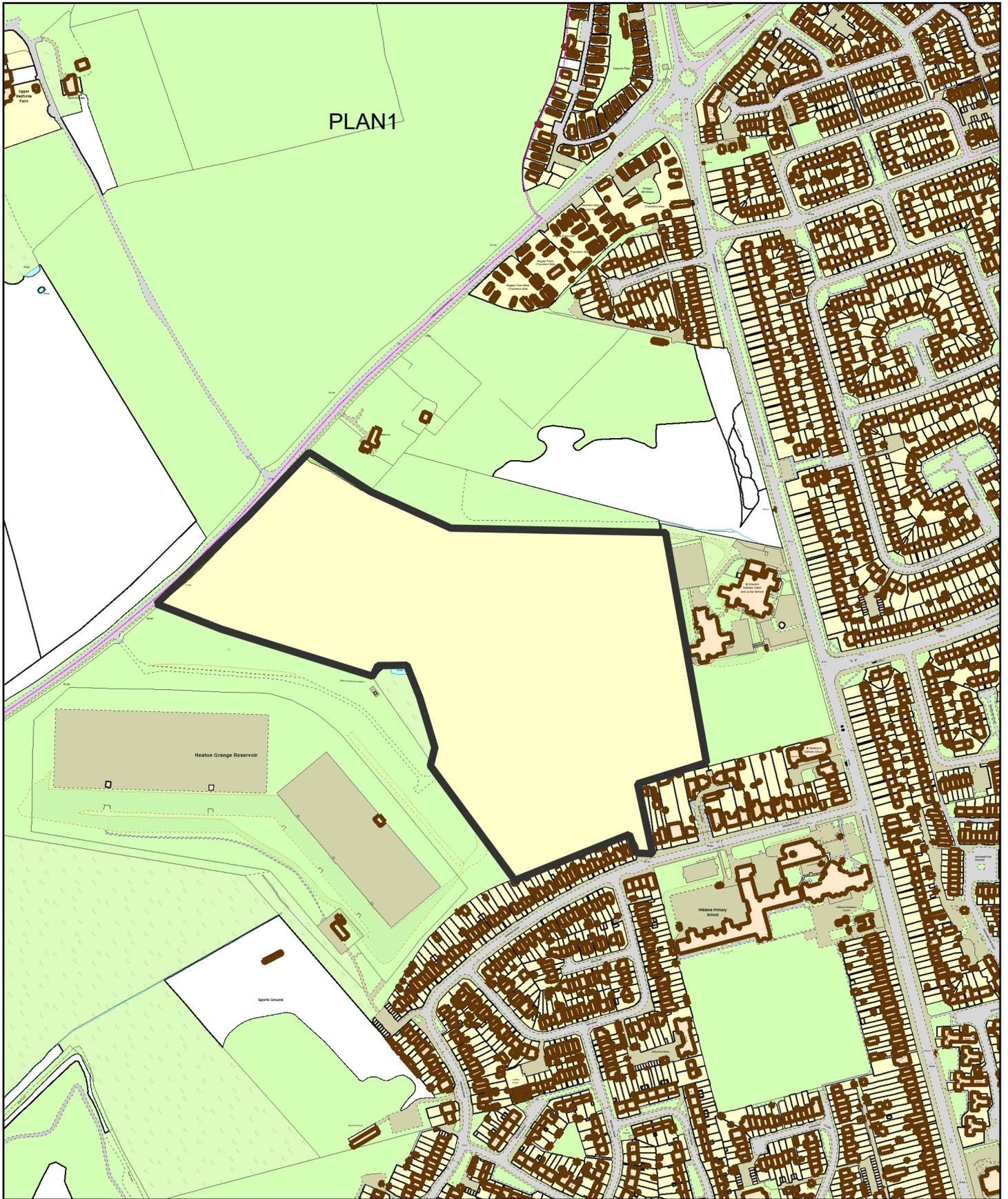
STATEMENT ON GROUNDS OF APPEAL

The grounds of appeal must be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, either when giving notice of the appeal or within 14 days from the date on which the Planning Inspectorate sends you a notice so requiring, a statement in writing specifying the grounds on which the appeal against the Enforcement Notice is being made and stating briefly the facts on which you propose to rely, in support of each of those grounds.

RECIPIENTS OF THE ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

The names and addresses of all the persons on whom the Enforcement Notice has been served are:

1. Alan Clarke, 33A Melbourne Road, East Ham E6 2RU
2. The Owner, Land on the south side of Lower Bedfords Road, Romford
3. The Occupier, Land on the south side of Lower Bedfords Road, Romford

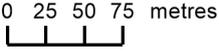


LOWER BEDFORDS ROAD

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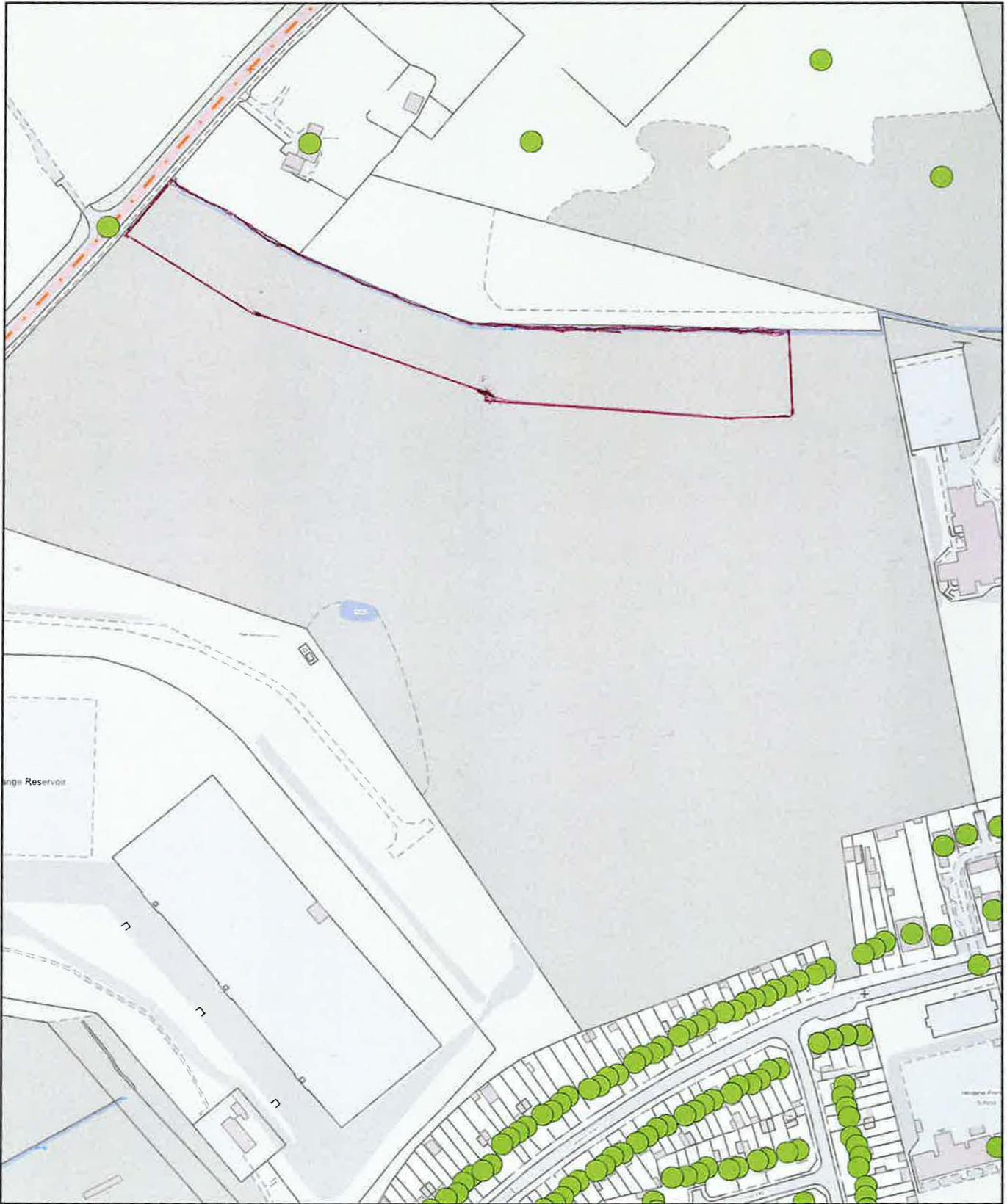

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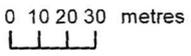

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Enforcement appeal: information sheet for local planning authorities

Customer Support Team
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Temple Quay
Bristol BS1
6PN

Direct Line: 0303 444 5000

Email: enquiries@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

1. THIS IS IMPORTANT

If you want to appeal against this enforcement notice you can do it:-

- online at the [Appeals Casework Portal](#); or
- sending us enforcement appeal forms, which can be obtained by contacting us on the details above.

You MUST make sure that we RECEIVE your appeal BEFORE the effective date on the enforcement notice.

Please read the appeal guidance documents at <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-enforcement-notice/how-to-appeal>.

In exceptional circumstances you may give written notice of appeal by letter or email. You should include the name and contact details of the appellant(s) and either attach a copy of the Enforcement notice that you wish to appeal or state the following:

- the name of the local planning authority;
- the site address; and
- the effective date of the enforcement notice.

We MUST receive this BEFORE the effective date on the enforcement notice. This should immediately be followed by your completed appeal forms.