# IMPORTANT: THIS COMMUNICATION AFFECTS YOUR PROPERTY KETTERING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## **ENFORCEMENT NOTICE**

### **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)**

ISSUED BY: KETTERING BOROUGH COUNCIL

1. THIS IS A FORMAL NOTICE which is issued by the Council because it appears to them 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

Land situated at 26 Princes Avenue, Desborough, Northamptonshire, as is shown for the purposes of identification only on the attached plan and edged in red.

# THE BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL ALLEGED

The erection of children's play equipment comprising of two rectangular towers with pitched roofs linked by a bridge, an adjoining ladder and plastic slide, and two swings suspended from an overhead support, all linked together as one structure and constructed of timber and set into the ground in concrete. The whole structure occupies a space measuring approximately 6.1 metres x 4.1 metres x 3.2 metres and is shown in the approximate position marked in green on the plan attached to the Notice.

## 4. REASONS FOR ISSUING THIS NOTICE

It appears to the Council that the breach of planning control has occurred within the last four years. The form and appearance of the play equipment is out of keeping with the character of the area and results in harm to the visual amenity of the area, and in particular to the adjoining occupiers of 109 Dunkirk Avenue. The structure directly overlooks the adjoining rear garden and rear windows of the house at 109 Dunkirk Avenue causing a loss of amenity for occupiers of that property resulting from loss of privacy.

As such, the development conflicts with the aims and objectives of the following policies of the Development Plan:-

<u>Policy GS5 (Design)</u> of the Northamptonshire County Council Structure Plan states that in order to promote high quality design and sustainable development, all proposals will have regard to the visual appearance of the development in the context of the defining characteristics of the local area.

Policy 30 (Environment: New Development) of the Local Plan for Kettering Borough states that proposals for development, including changes of use, will be granted planning permission where the character of the development is appropriate in terms of type and scale, and there is no adverse impact on the character of the area or on the amenity of existing or proposed nearby property.

Policy 47 (Housing: Residential Amenity) of the Local Plan for Kettering Borough states that planning permission will not normally be granted for proposals for development, including changes of use, where they would have a significant adverse impact on the amenities of adjacent existing or proposed residential properties resulting in an increase in noise and other disturbances.

#### 5. WHAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO

The steps required to remedy the breach of planning control and for the purposes of remedying the injury to amenity are:-

(1) Take down and permanently remove the play equipment structure from the land, or;

re-locate the structure so that it is no nearer than 20 metres to the closest edge of the public footpath where it adjoins the rear boundary of the land.

Time for compliance: 2 months from the date this Notice takes effect.

# WHEN THIS NOTICE TAKES EFFECT

This Notice takes effect on 27 February 2006 unless an appeal is made against it beforehand.

DATED: 19 January 2006

Signed:

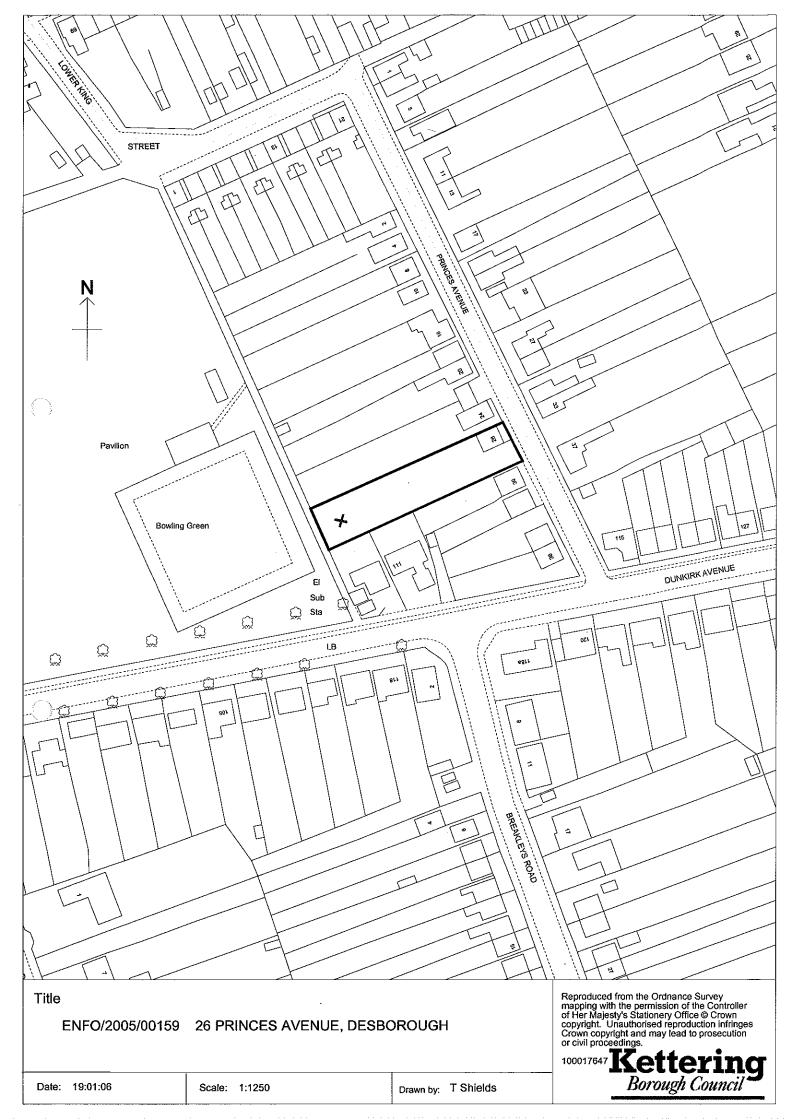
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#### YOUR RIGHT OF APPEAL

You can appeal against this Notice but any appeal must be received, or posted in time to be received, by the Secretary of State **before 27 February 2006**. The enclosed booklet "Enforcement Notice Appeals - A Guide to Procedure" sets out your rights. Read it carefully. You may use the enclosed appeal forms. One is for you to send to the Secretary of State if you decide to appeal. The other is for you to keep as a duplicate for your own records. You should also send the Secretary of State the spare copy of this Enforcement Notice which is enclosed.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DO NOT APPEAL

If you do not appeal against this Enforcement Notice, it will take effect on **27 February 2006** 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.