



Enforcement Team

Quarterly Report

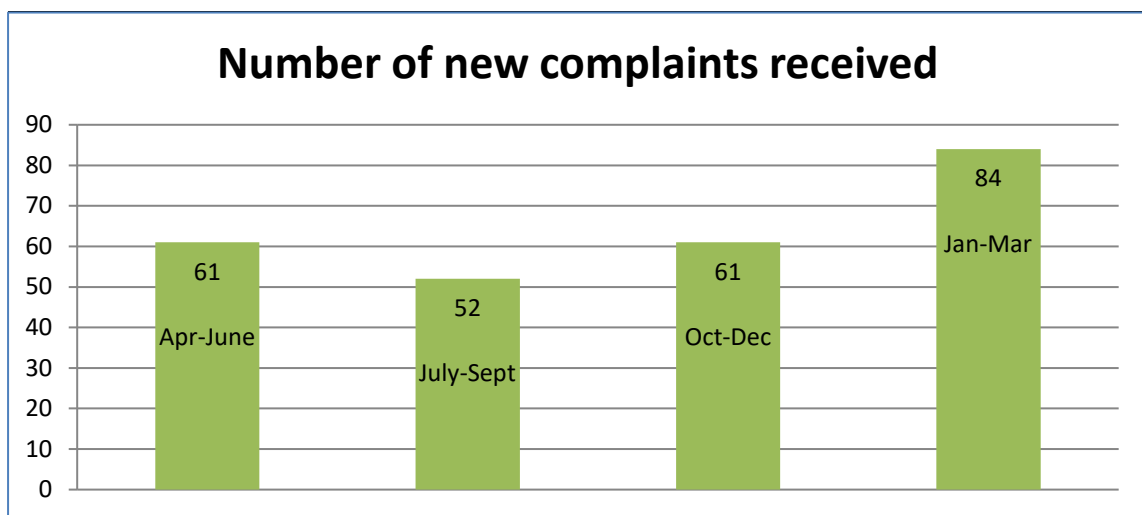
January – March 2019

1.0 Introduction

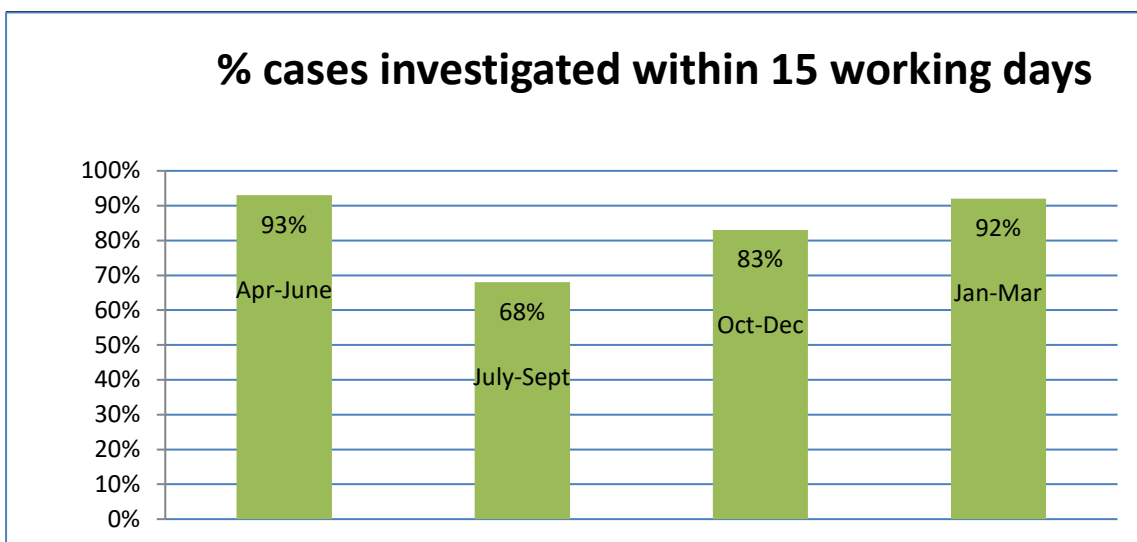
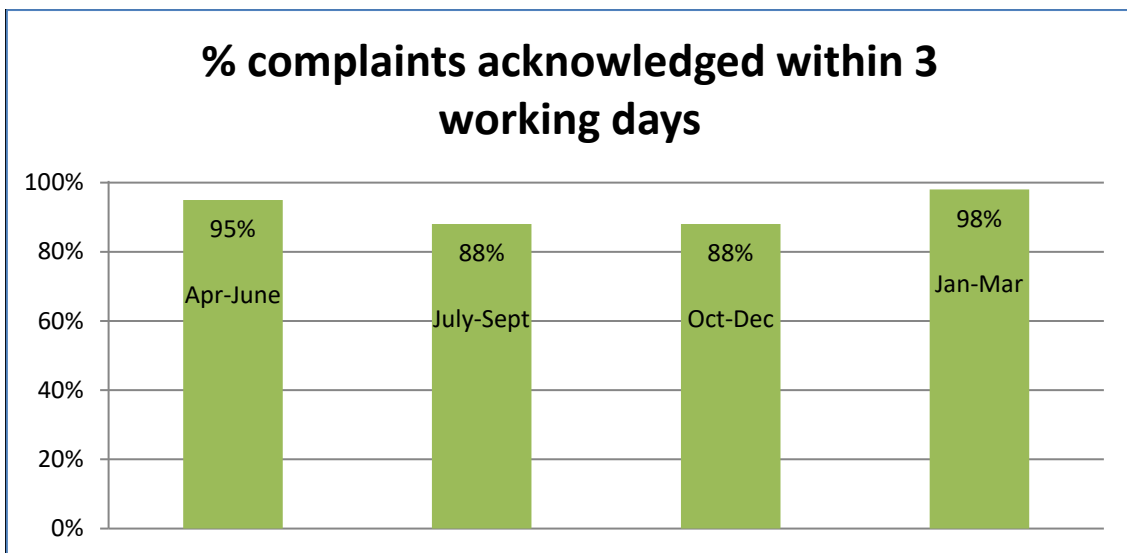
1.1 This report summarises the level of enforcement activity undertaken within the National Park for the period January – March 2019, the final quarter of the 2018-2019 year.

2.0 Number of New Enforcement Complaints

2.1 Much of our work is concerned with responding to reports about possible breaches of planning control. This period has seen 84 new cases reported. However, it should be remembered that we monitor compliance with planning conditions and have minerals and waste and agricultural occupancy programmes of work in order to monitor these sites. These proactive programmes of work involve the periodic monitoring of around 125 additional sites.



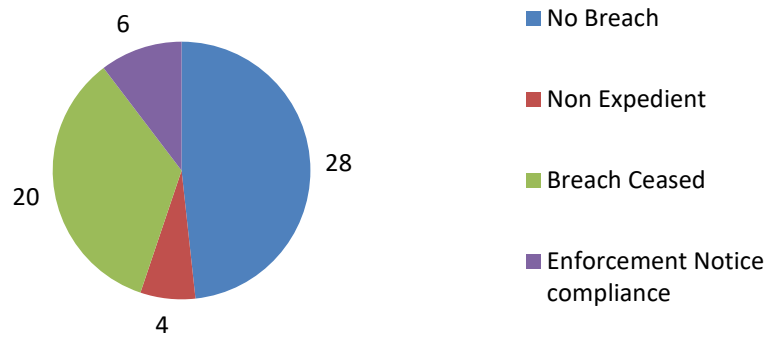
2.2 Two of our local key performance indicators are to acknowledge 90% of enforcement complaints within three working days and to carry out an initial enforcement investigation on 90% of all concerns raised within 15 working days of receipt. This period we have acknowledged 98% of all enforcement complaints within three working days and investigated 92% of all enforcement concerns received within 15 working days.



3.0 Number of Enforcement Cases Closed

- 3.1 We have closed 58 cases during this period. Of these, 28 were closed as 'no breach of planning control', where it was found that the development either had the benefit of planning permission, fell within 'permitted development' tolerances or did not constitute 'development' within the meaning of the Town and Country Planning Act. The percentage of new concerns brought to our attention that were not breaches of planning control remains at just under 50% of the concerns received for the year. All cases require investigation, and do take a considerable amount of time, which can delay proceeding with cases where breaches of planning control have occurred.
- 3.2 Twenty six cases were closed during this period as the identified breach of planning control had ceased, either as a result of the owner agreeing to remove or cease the unauthorised development, comply with an Enforcement Notice or as a result of retrospective planning permission having been granted.

Cases Closed - January - March 2019



4.0 Enforcement Notices

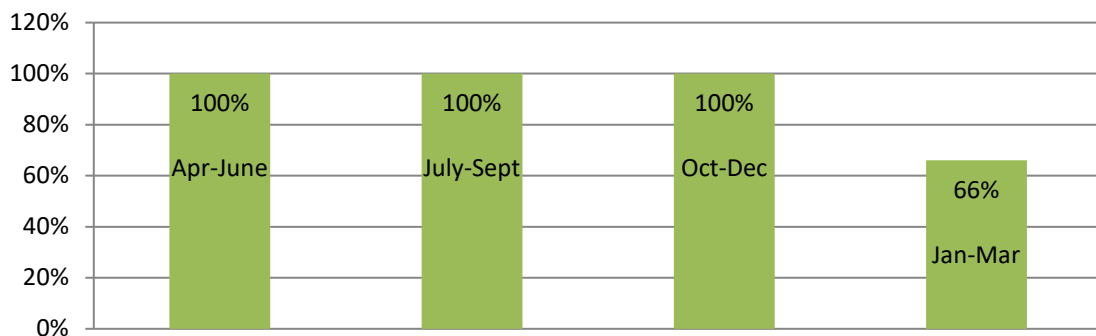
4.1 We have not served any Enforcement Notices this quarter.

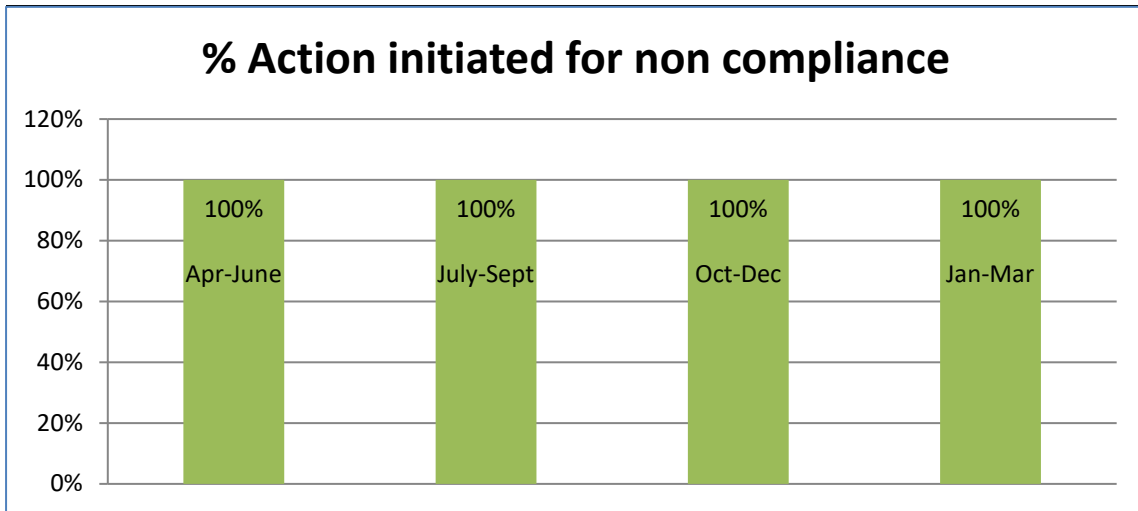
5.0 Enforcement Notice Compliance

5.1 We have secured the resolution of seven Enforcement Notices this period. These related to two separate residential mobile homes; a hardstanding; an untidy site; a portacabin and an access track.

5.2 Our remaining local key performance indicators are to check compliance with 90% of Enforcement Notices within five working days of the compliance date and to initiate action within 15 working days in circumstances where there has been a failure to comply with an Enforcement Notice. During this period we have visited 66% of these sites and initiated action, where necessary, in 100% of cases in accordance with these timescales.

% Enforcement Notices checked for compliance





6.0 Retrospective Planning Applications

6.1 We have registered 21 retrospective planning applications during this period and the planning fees generated were circa £5,355.

6.2 During this period we have determined 17 applications. It must be noted that applications are only invited if developments are likely to be considered acceptable, hence there will usually be a high approval rate.

7.0 Enforcement Appeals

7.1 There are currently seven enforcement appeals awaiting a decision from the Planning Inspectorate.

7.2 We have received three decisions during the period: two appeals were dismissed and the enforcement notices were upheld and one was allowed in part (split decision) so that the appeal succeeds in part.

8.0 Direct and Legal Action

8.1 Efforts are being made to reach a compromise on two outstanding legal cases.