South Staffordshire Council

Crooked House Statement: (27 February 2024)

The council has been working hard behind the scenes with partner organisations and we can confirm that today, Tuesday, February 27, we have served an Enforcement Notice on the owners of the Crooked House.

The enforcement notice is for the unlawful demolition of the building which is a breach of planning control under paragraph B.1(c) of Part 11 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015.

The council has engaged with the owners since the demolition but has reached a point where formal action is considered necessary.

Full details of the Enforcement Notice can be found on the council's website: <u>Crooked House</u>

Leader of the Council, Councillor Roger Lees BEM said 'A huge amount of time and resources have been put into investigating the unauthorised demolition of the Crooked House. We have had great support from the local community, our MPs and the Mayor of the West Midlands, and from the campaign group whose aim is to see the Crooked House back to its former glory which is the key objective of the Enforcement Notice.'

'We have not taken this action lightly, but we believe that it is right to bring the owners, who demolished the building without consent, to account and we are committed to do what we can to get the Crooked House rebuilt.'