

Request

Please supply information in respect of any action taken by Wigan Council since December 2019 in respect of tackling incidences of untidy land and/or buildings in the Borough, particularly including S215 action.

This information must include incidences of where the local authority has used its CPO powers to purchase land or buildings affecting the amenity of the area and also include action taken under the housing acts and/or any associated strategies.

Information is also required where the simple threat of the Council using its powers has resulted in the rectification of the cause of complaint without the council having to actually use its formal powers.

I am not requesting any personal information but do require the address of the properties and the dates when action was started/completed. I would like a FULL postcode of each of the sites if you cannot provide the precise address. I would also like each of the incidences to show whether the Council's action was instigated by a request from a member of the public, a Council Member or a Council Officer and whether the cases have been resolved or still ongoing.

Response

Please see table below which provides the information requested.

Address	s.215 served / action started	Action instigated by	Other	Action completed
Richmond Hill	Not served	Member of public and Cllr	letters sent pre-legal involvement which resolved the issues –	02/06/2021
35 Heyes Road	Draft notice 24/11/2020	Member of public	Untidy residential gardens – ongoing work with owner to support in clearing garden	27/09/2021
Collier Brook Farm	Notice served 06/02/2020	Cllr	Untidy land and broken perimeter fencing New developer involved	31/08/2022
Former Formby Hall	Notice served 29/01/2020	Cllr	Untidy land	29/11/2021
Former George and Dragon Hotel 185 – 187 Elliott Street, Tyldesley	Confirmation letter sent by legal re commencement of works and timescale 09/01/2020	Cllr	Works commenced and completed as per letter sent	09/01/2020
Wigan & Leigh College, Railway Road	Notice served 02/0/2021	Planning officer	Old W&L College site – broken windows, unsecure stairway	31/08/2022

Wigan & Leigh College, Railway Road – land to rear	Notice served 22/02/2021	Planning officer	Land to rear of dol W&L college site, untidy due to demolition Compliance	28/09/2021
2 Chorley Road, Standish	Notice served 26/08/2020	Member of public	Untidy due to stalled development Matter progressed to prosecution but withdrawn following cooperation – site is a development / rebuild of x2 houses	03/12/2021
69 Bolton Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield	Notice served 23/08/2021	Cllr	Untidy business premises with overgrown rear garden Complied	15/03/2023
46 Woodview, Shevington	Notice served 14/01/2022	Member of public	Untidy residential property Successfully prosecuted - £700 fine, £70 victim surcharge, £632.14 costs and subsequently complied	16/11/2023
791 Atherton Road	Notice served 13/01/2021	Member of public and Cllr	Untidy residential property Unknown	28/07/2022
28 Montrose Avenue, Wigan	Draft notice served 29/10/2021	Cllr	Untidy residential property Cooperation following draft notice and subsequent compliance	20/07/2022
130 Sherwood Drive, Wigan	Notice served 26/08/2020	Cllr	Untidy residential property Successfully prosecuted (in absence) £660 fine, £66 victim surcharge, £300 costs – owner took possession of property and did works	03/02/2022
591 Liverpool Road, Platt Bridge	No notice served due to land ownership issues – unable to trace leaseholder	Environmental enforcement Council officer and Cllr	Untidy enclosed area of land Works done by council	02/06/2021
592 Liverpool Road, Platt Bridge	Notice served 26/08/2020	Environmental enforcement Council officer and Cllr	Untidy commercial property Matter progressed to prosecution and trial date set, landowner cooperated in meantime so matter withdrawn	08/02/2022
16 Deansgate, Hindley	Notice served 25/08/2020	Cllr	Untidy residential property Notice complied with	02/06/2021