

## APPENDIX 1 – Harm Scoring sheet

Date:

Officer:

Case Reference:

North West Leicestershire District Council - HARM Prioritisation Assessment Form

To be completed by the officer who has seen the development

Note: this form is only to be used when a breach has been identified

- All retrospective refusals of planning permissions and complaints received regarding illegal works to listed buildings, illegal advertisements, hedge removal and trees covered by a tree preservation order/conservation area will automatically receive a full investigation.
- Each new complaint will be allocated scores as set out to assess its harm. The total will provide its harm score from which its priority will be based.
- Where there is no breach of planning control found, the file will be closed accordingly.

Points allocation	Score
Is the breach:	worsening (1) Stable (0)
Highway safety issue: New unauthorised driveway/fence/gateway leading onto highway or anything that may restrict visibility	Yes (1) No (0)
Other safety issues: Danger to pedestrian traffic, unsafe practices, certain businesses operating from home ie food	Yes (1) No (0)
Causing a (potential) statutory nuisance: Smoke, dust, noise etc	Yes (1) No (0)
Complainant:	Immediate neighbour/staff (2) Member/Parish Council (2) Other (1)
Age of breach:	Within 3 months of immunity (3) Less than 1 month old (2) More than 1 month old (1)
Is the harm: Local would be harm to the immediate vicinity ie next door neighbours affected. Widespread would be immediate vicinity and surrounding area	Widespread (2) Local (1) None (0)
Irreversible harm: Eg removal of trees or demolition of listed building with no option to retrieve materials ie gone to land fill	Yes (1) No (0)
Breach of planning condition: This should relate to a breach of a condition on an existing PP or a breach of a condition forming part of the GPDO	Yes (1) No (0)
Conservation area	Yes (1) No (0)
Affecting the setting of a listed building	Yes (1) No (0)
Special exercise	Yes (1) No (0)

<p><b>This is where the breach is likely to score under 5 but the Council believe that the development is so harmful that it requires further investigation (If yes provide more details)</b></p>	
<p><b>Sensitive site (if yes provide more details)</b>  <b>Politically sensitive, contentious site.</b>  <b>This is a discretionary score to utilise if needed.</b></p>	<p><b>Yes (1)</b>  <b>No (0)</b></p>
<p><b>Undesirable precedent</b>  <b>We don't want more of these in the area or others copying i.e. extended gardens into fields behind, car sales from home etc</b>  <b>If yes provide more detail</b></p>	<p><b>Yes (1)</b>  <b>No (0)</b></p>
<p><b>Total Points (HARM score)</b></p>	

- Only complaints which score 5 or above will be investigated further. Those with a lesser score will be informed of the breach/likely breach and invited to remedy/regularise it. In both cases the complainant will be notified of our actions.