

**Enforcement of Planning Control:  
Possible Unauthorised Excavation of Wildlife Pond, Thorpe Road, Haddiscoe**  
Report by Planning Officer (Compliance and Implementation)

**Summary:** This report concerns a Temporary Stop Notice which has been served in connection with the possible unauthorised excavation of a wildlife pond on land off Thorpe Road in Haddiscoe.

**Recommendation:** That the report be noted.

**Location** On land opposite Holly Farm, Thorpe Road, Haddiscoe

**Breach of Planning Control** Possible authorised excavation and enlargement of a wildlife pond

## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 On the 3 November 2009 a report was received concerning possible unauthorised excavation work on land at Thorpe Road in Haddiscoe.
- 1.2 On the 5 November 2009 a site visit was undertaken by planning officers which revealed that the existing pond on the land had been dredged and enlarged. No work was on-going at the time of the visit and officers were unable to establish ownership of land.
- 1.3 On the 6 November 2009 a Temporary Stop Notice was served in order to prevent further excavation work and extracted materials from being removed from site. As ownership was unknown at the time, the Temporary Stop Notice was fixed to the site entrance.

## **3 Description of Site**

- 3.1 The site is comprised of approximately 0.9 hectares of land located on the Haddiscoe Marshes adjacent to the Thorpe Road in Haddiscoe.

## **4 Other Information**

- 4.1 A small pond was originally excavated on the land in 1994/5 as part of an ESA scheme. The pond has now become overgrown and choked with old leaf matter. The Environment Agency has reported to the land owners that it no longer supports any fish life. The ESA scheme has subsequently ceased.

4.2 At a meeting with the land owners and their agent they advised that the works were done in connection with conservation of the pond. Officers are currently investigating this and members will be updated on the position.

## 5 Financial Implications

5.1 There may be legal costs associated with this course of action.

Background papers: Broads Authority DC Enforcement File BA/2009/0092/UNAUP4

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Appendices: Site Location Map

BA/2009/0092/UNAUP4 - Opposite Holly Farm, Thorpe Road, Haddiscoe  
Alleged unauthorised excavation of lake

