**Model stop notice**

***IMPORTANT ‑ THIS COMMUNICATION AFFECTS YOUR PROPERTY***

***TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990***

***(As amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991)***

***STOP NOTICE***

***SERVED BY: [name of Council]***

***To: [name of intended recipient of the notice]***

*1. On [date], the Council issued an enforcement notice (a copy is attached to this notice) alleging that there has been a breach of planning control on [description of the land to which the notice relates].*

*2.* ***THIS NOTICE*** *is issued by the Council, in exercise of their power in section 183 of the 1990 Act, because they consider that it is expedient that the activity specified in this notice should cease before the expiry of the period allowed for compliance with the requirements of the enforcement notice on the land described in paragraph 3 below. The Council now prohibit the carrying out of the activity specified in this notice. Important additional information is given in the Annex to this notice.*

*3.* ***THE LAND TO WHICH THIS NOTICE RELATES***

*Land at [address of land, or description of relevant part of the land to which the enforcement notice relates], shown edged in [a distinctive colour] on the attached plan.*

*4.* ***ACTIVITY TO WHICH THIS NOTICE RELATES***

*[Specify the activity required by the enforcement notice to cease, and any activity carried out as part of that activity, or associated with it.]*

*5.* ***WHAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO***

*Cease all the activity specified in this notice.*

*6.* ***WHEN THIS NOTICE TAKES EFFECT***

*This notice takes effect on [date] when all the activity specified in this notice must cease.*

*Dated: [date of notice]*

*Signed: [Council's authorised officer]*

*On behalf of [Council's name and address]*

*Nominated Officer [Name of contact officer]*

*Telephone Number [of Nominated Officer]*

Annex

***WARNING***

***THIS NOTICE TAKES EFFECT ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 6.***

***THERE IS NO RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGAINST THIS NOTICE.***

*It is an offence to contravene a stop notice after a site notice has been displayed or the stop notice has been served on you (section 187(1) of the 1990 Act). If you then fail to comply with the stop notice you will be at risk of* ***immediate prosecution*** *for which the maximum penalty is an unlimited fine. If you are in any doubt about what this notice requires you to do, you should get in touch* ***immediately*** *with [Council's nominated officer to deal with enquiries, address and telephone number]. If you need independent advice about this notice, you are advised to contact a lawyer, planning consultant or other professional adviser specialising in planning matters urgently. If you wish to contest the validity of the notice, you may only do so by an application to the High Court for judicial review.* *Area designation guidance*