



**FOWLERS STONE WOOD**  
**UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT**  
**UPDATE 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024**

**Gravesham Borough Council has today seized and secured land at Fowlers Stone Wood, Vigo, following a long-running enforcement case.**

In November 2023 an Enforcement Notice was issued by Gravesham Borough Council; this came into effect in January 2024 as no appeal was lodged against it.

As the Enforcement Notice has not been complied with, Gravesham Borough Council have taken Direct Action today (7<sup>th</sup> October) and seized and secured the land at Fowlers Stone Wood.

Please see the official press release here:

<https://www.gravesham.gov.uk/news/article/172/work-starts-to-clear-illegal-development-of-vigo-woodland>

Vigo Parish Council have been in regular contact with Gravesham Borough Council's enforcement team since the illegal development began in 2020.

Vigo Parish Council have shared resident's frustrations over this long running issue and have been equally frustrated about being unable to give regular updates. However, we have always been aware that due-process needed to take place, and this had to remain confidential in the most part, to ensure a successful outcome was achieved. We are pleased to see this happen today.

Vigo Parish Council would like to thank Gravesham Borough Council's Enforcement Team, and the Legal Department for their efforts in bringing this to a successful conclusion.

We look forward to the site being cleared over the coming weeks and will continue to push for the woodland to be restocked as per the requirements of the notice.