

**Royal Borough statement re: Mark Pickett
Monday 1 February 2016**

The sentencing of Mark Pickett for a breach of a planning enforcement notice at the traveller site at Shurlock Road has been adjourned until 27 May 2016.

On Friday 29 January magistrates at Reading Magistrates' Court made this decision because they wish to have regard to the decisions from the Planning Inspectorate on two retrospective planning appeals at the site. These decisions could have an impact on Mr Pickett's sentence, and as such it was considered in the interests of justice to adjourn.

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Note:

An earlier statement is attached for background information.

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