Planning Enforcement

Chart One:
Investigation and Procedure

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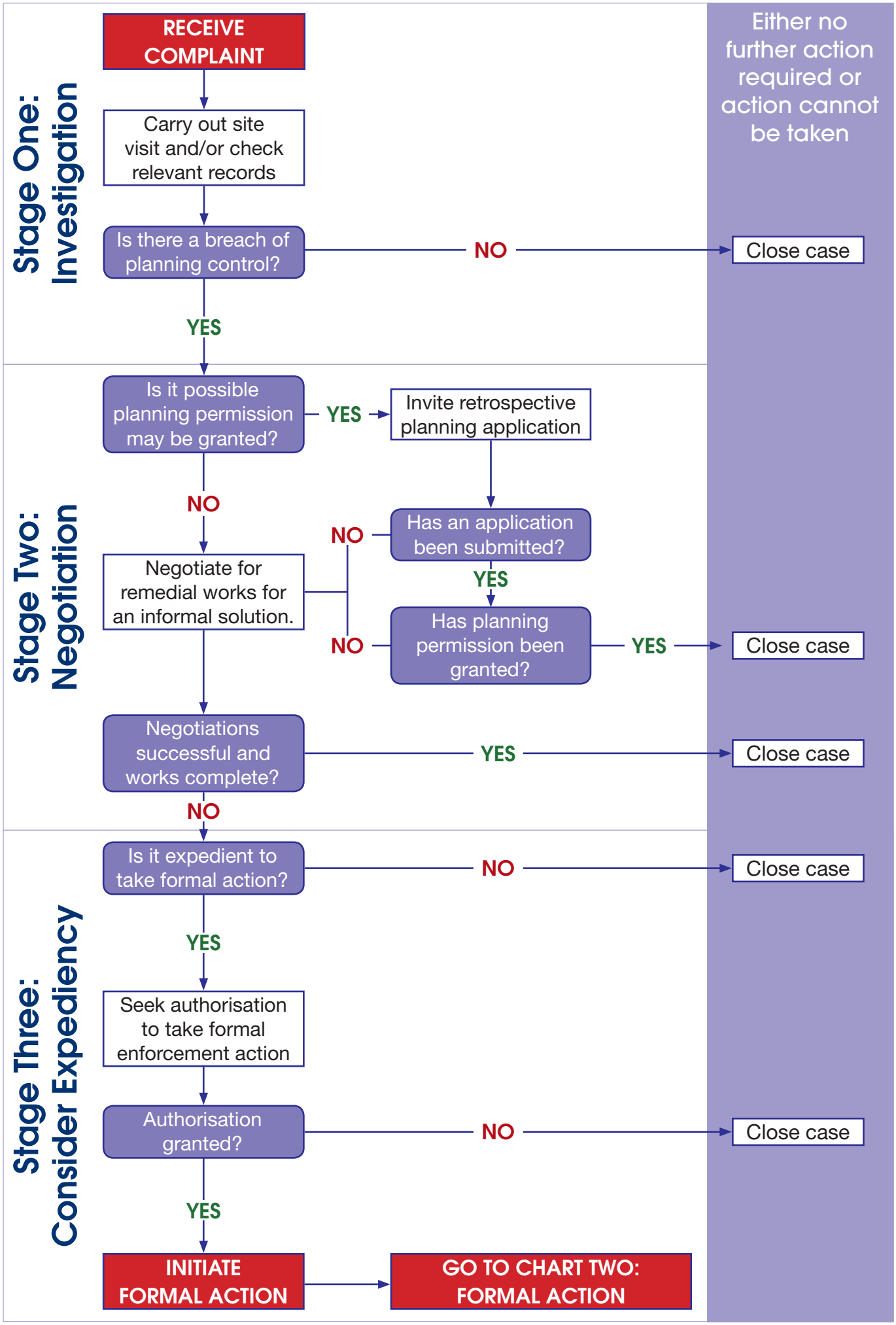
Stage One: Investigation
RECEIVE COMPLAINT
Carry out site visit and/or check relevant records
Is there a breach of planning control?
NO
Close case
YES
Stage Two: Negotiation
Is it possible planning permission may be granted?
YES
Invite retrospective planning application
NO
Has an application been submitted?
NO
YES
Negotiate for remedial works for an informal solution.
Has planning permission been granted?
NO
YES
Close case
Negotiations successful and works complete?
YES
Close case
NO
Stage Three: Consider Expediency
Is it expedient to take formal action?
NO
Close case
YES
Seek authorisation to take formal enforcement action
Authorisation granted?
NO
Close case
YES
INITIATE FORMAL ACTION
GO TO CHART TWO: FORMAL ACTION
Either no further action required or action cannot be taken