Planning Committee - 13 AUGUST 2008

Report of the Development Manager

Enforcement Item: E155/38/2008

Parish:

1. File/Complaint Number E155/38/2008

2. Location of Site 56 East Street, Taunton

3. Names of Owners Unknown

4. Name of Occupiers Emzee – Ms Emma Isaccs

5. Nature of Contravention

Unauthorised fascia, hanging sign and repainting of shopfront.

6. Planning History

The above contravention was first brought to the Council's attention in June 2008. By letter dated 7th July 2008 the occupier was advised of the above contravention. A response was received and contact was made with Ms Isaccs who indicated that she had no intention of changing the unauthorised works.

7. Reasons for Taking Action

The colour of the shop front, fascia and hanging sign is detrimental to the character of this Gradell Listed Building of which Emzee forms part, contrary to Section 16 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, Policy 9 of the Somerset and Exmoor National Park Joint Structure Plan Review and PPG 15.

8. Recommendation

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to serve a Listed Building Enforcement Notice to secure the redecoration of the shop front, fascia and hanging sign to match Costa Coffee and Prosecution action in respect of the unauthorised signs.

In preparing this report the Planning Officer has considered fully the implications and requirements of the Human Rights Act 1998.

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