

Planning Committee – 13 AUGUST 2008

Report of the Development Manager

Enforcement Item: E306/38/2007

Parish:

1. **File/Complaint Number** E306/38/2007
2. **Location of Site** Somerset Inn, Alfred Street, Taunton
3. **Names of Owners** Mr T Jenkinson
4. **Name of Occupiers** Mr T Jenkinson
5. **Nature of Contravention**

Erection of unauthorised structure over skittle alley.

6. Planning History

The above works were first brought to the Council's attention in October 2007. A site visit was made in October 2007 at which the owner denied he was carrying out any works and further declined my request to inspect. A letter was sent on 1st November advising the owner that the Council had evidence of works being carried out at the premises for which Planning permission and Building Regulation approval was required. By letter dated 5th November, the owner advised that the roof was leaking and as a result he had re-roofed. He requested what steps he needed to take in order to avoid the necessity for Planning permission in respect of the structure over the skittle alley. A further letter was sent to the owner on 11th December advising that if he removed the railings/structure, Planning permission would not be required. A further letter sent in February 2008 advised that the railings/structure needed to be completely removed in order to avoid any Enforcement action. To date only part of the structure has been removed.

7. Reasons for Taking Action

The railings/structure is detrimental to the amenity of adjacent residential properties.

8. Recommendation

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to serve an Enforcement Notice to secure the full removal of the unauthorised structure/railings and take Prosecution proceedings, subject to satisfactory evidence being obtained that the notice has not been complied with.

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

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