

## Planning Committee – 29 October 2008

### Report of the Development Manager

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| 1. | <b>File/Complaint Number</b>     | 38/2002/239LB and 2005/405LB  |
| 2. | <b>Location of Site</b>          | Woodards (former Convent), South Road, Taunton  |
| 3. | <b>Names of Owners</b>           | Charles Church, Churchwood House, Churchwood Road, Yate, Bristol BS37 5NN. Plus individual property owners.   |
| 4. | <b>Names of Occupiers</b>        | Various.  |
| 5. | <b>Nature of Contravention</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Relaying of cloister tiled floor, unsatisfactorily finished.</li><li>(ii) Unfinished repairs to wall at south end of cloister and redundant wiring still in situ.</li><li>(iii) New tiled floor to communal entrance of phase 5 unsatisfactory.</li><li>(iv) Repair and consolidation of former shrine to SE of site not completed plus inappropriate modern railings erected to enclose it.</li><li>(v) Non reinstatement of wooden figure to east elevation of phase 4.</li></ul> |
| 6. | <b>Planning History</b>          | Various, for conversion of former convent to residential units.   |
| 7. | <b>Reasons for taking Action</b> | The former convent is a complex of buildings, Listed Grade 2*. The contraventions noted above, are considered detrimental to the character of the buildings and as such, are contrary to Policy 9 of the Somerset and Exmoor National Park Joint Structure Plan Review and advice contained in PPG15.   |

**8. Recommendation**

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to serve Listed Building and Planning Enforcement Notices and to take prosecution action subject to satisfactory evidence being obtained that the Notices have not been complied with.

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