

Planning Committee – Wednesday 10 June 2009

Report of the Development Manager

Enforcement Item

Parish:

1. **File/Complaint Number** E/0112/38/09
2. **Location of Site** 19 Trinity Street, Taunton, TA1 3JG
3. **Names of Owners** Mr Scurlock
4. **Name of Occupiers** Mr Scurlock
5. **Nature of Contravention**

Massage parlour being operated from 19 Trinity Street, Taunton

6. **Planning History**

A complaint was received in April 2009 that the premises was being used for non domestic purposes. The business trades under the name of 'Peaches' and has a web site which advertises a number of services available, including the letting of self contained rooms. The property is one third owned by Mr W Scurlock and two thirds by trustees administered by Foot Anstey, Solicitors. The owners were contacted and advised that Planning permission was required for the current use but would be unlikely to be viewed upon favourably. Peaches is operated by Mr Scurlock and the Trustees were not aware of the activity being conducted from the premises. Foot Anstey have contacted Mr Scurlock requesting that the use ceases but to date nothing has changed. The property is a Listed Building and various signs and cctv has been fixed to the building without the necessary consents being obtained.

7. **Reasons for Taking Action**

It is considered that the use of the property as a massage parlour has a detrimental effect on the neighbouring properties due to the number of late night visitors causing disturbance in an otherwise predominantly residential neighbourhood. The signs and CCTV units fixed to the building are detrimental to the character of the listed building. Therefore the development, contrary to Policy S1 (E) – Nuisance
PPG15 – Listed Building off the Taunton Deane Local Plan

8. Recommendation

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to serve both an Enforcement Notice and Listed Building Enforcement Notice and take prosecution action subject to satisfactory evidence being obtained in the event that the notices have 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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