

PLANNING COMMITTEE - 3 MARCH 2004

Report of Chief Planning Officer

ENFORCEMENT ITEM

Parish: Taunton

1. **File/Complainant Number** E38/38/2004
2. **Location of Site** Taunton School, Taunton, TA2 6AD
3. **Names of Owners** Taunton School (c/o The Bursar)
4. **Names of Occupiers** Taunton School
5. **Nature of Contravention**

Continued provision of a temporary covered walkway, beyond permitted time limit.
6. **Planning History**
 - (a) In 1993 applications 38/1993/405 & 38/1993/406LB were granted conditional permission for the alteration and extension of the memorial hall and library to form an arts centre. The approved scheme included conversion of the memorial hall to a theatre (which has been implemented) and the erection of a glazed covered link between the theatre and library to provide a foyer.
 - (b) Application 38/1995/243LB for provision of a temporary covered walkway (in lieu of the approved glazed foyer) was granted consent subject to its removal by 15 August, 1998.
 - (c) Due to a slippage in the expected time frame for completion of the approved, permanent, extension/foyer, application 38/1998/058LB was again granted for the temporary covered walkway (and other alterations for means of escape), with its removal required by 31 March, 2001.
 - (d) Application 38/2001/083LB for retention of the covered walkway was again approved for a temporary period with its removal required by 31 May, 2003.
 - (e) In August 2001, the Conservation Officer had what was considered to be a productive meeting with the school, regarding a revised design for the

approved foyer, but to date no such amended scheme has been submitted.

7. Reasons for Taking Action

This “temporary” structure has now been in situ for 9 years and is constructed of materials commensurate with its temporary function, which in turn are inferior to the character and qualities of the Grade II listed building.

8. Recommendation

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to serve a Listed Building Enforcement Notice and commence prosecution proceedings for the unauthorised development.

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

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