

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 31ST OCTOBER, 2007

Report of the Development Manager

ENFORCEMENT ITEM

Parish: North Curry

1. **File/Complaint Number** 24/2007/043
2. **Location of Site** North Curry Post Office and Stores, 4 Queens Square, North Curry
3. **Names of Owners** Mr & Mrs N Prosser
4. **Names of Occupiers** Mr & Mrs N Prosser
5. **Nature of Contravention**

Erection of garden shed at first floor level for storage purposes together with the erection of an external staircase.

6. **Planning History**

The development came to the Council's attention on

A site visit was made and the owner was informed that planning permission was required for the development as the premises were of a commercial nature and therefore the property did not enjoy any permitted development rights. An application was eventually submitted on 31st July, 2007 and was subsequently refused under delegated powers on 26th September, 2007.

7. **Reasons for taking Action**

The site is within the North Curry Conservation Area where new development likely to detract from the existing character is to be avoided. In the opinion of the Local Planning Authority the structure, situated at first floor level, looks incongruous and is constructed of materials out of character with the building and Conservation Area. The development therefore fails to preserve or enhance the appearance and character of the Conservation Area and is contrary to advice in PPG 15 and Taunton Deane Local Plan Policy EN14.

8. **Recommendation**

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to serve an Enforcement Notice and to take prosecution proceedings subject to satisfactory evidence 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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