

Planning Committee – 2 July 2008

Report of the Development Manager

Enforcement Item

Parish:

1. **File/Complaint Number** E168/14/2008/014
2. **Location of Site** Former Creech Paper Mill, Creech St Michael, TAUNTON
3. **Names of Owners** Wilscombe Ltd, Upcott Hall, Bishops Hull, TAUNTON
4. **Name of Occupiers** Unoccupied
5. **Nature of Contravention**
The provision of replacement windows
6. **Planning History**
An application to replace the existing windows in the former mill building was received on 3 April 2008. The existing windows were made up of 30 panes. The proposal was to replace these windows with aluminium frames made up of a 16 pane pattern. Soon after the application was registered a complaint was received that the work had already started on the installation of the replacement windows. The type being installed was of the 16 pane applied for in the application. Although not a listed building the Conservation Officer is of the view that the building has strong industrial merit. When a visit was made some of the windows had been replaced and it was considered that the replacement windows are inappropriate on this historic building. The application was subsequently refused under delegated powers on 29 May 2008.
7. **Reasons for Taking Action**
The replacement of the windows is considered unsatisfactory in that the design and appearance of the windows with internal glazing bars detract from the historic heritage and character of the building and thus the visual amenities of the area contrary to Taunton Deane Local Plan Policies S1(D) and S2(A).
8. **Recommendation**
The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to serve an enforcement notice and commence 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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