

Planning Committee – 26 March 2008

Report of the Development Manager

Enforcement Item

Parish: Taunton

- 1. File/Complaint Number** E187/38/2007
- 2. Location of Site** 55 Buckland Road, Priorswood, Taunton
- 3. Names of Owners** Mr Parkman
- 4. Name of Occupiers** Mr Parkman
- 5. Nature of Contravention**

Fence erected adjacent to highway over 1m in height

6. Planning History

The fence was first brought to the Council's attention in July 2007. An application was requested and submitted 1 August 2007 but was subsequently refused on 25 September 2007. The owner contacted the department and asked what he could do to retain the fence. He was advised to appeal against decision and to overcome refusal reasons further planting could be carried out in front of the fence to soften its appearance. To date no appeal has been submitted so a site visit was made in February 2008 and the overall appearance of the fence was no different to that which was refused.

7. Reasons for Taking Action

The proposal, by reason of its siting and height, is overly dominant in the street scene and causes demonstrable harm to open character and appearance of the street scene contrary to Taunton Deane Local Plan Policies S1 & S2

8. Recommendation

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to serve an Enforcement Notice and take Prosecution Action 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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