

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 13 OCTOBER, 2004

Report of the Development Control Manager

ENFORCEMENT

Parish: Taunton

- 1. File/Complainant Number** E271/38/2004
- 2. Location of Site** 90 South Road, Taunton.
- 3. Names of Owners** Owner/Occupier
- 4. Names of Occupiers** Unknown
- 5. Nature of Contravention**

New vehicular access formed.

- 6. Planning History**

A complaint was first received regarding this access on 11 August, 2004. Site visits were made and photographs taken but no one was at home. A letter was sent to the Owner/Occupier on 3 September, 2004 informing them that the provision of this access was unauthorised and that if an application were to be received it was unlikely to be viewed favourably. To date there has been no response to this letter and the access appears to still be in use.

- 7. Reasons for Taking Action**

It is considered that the access onto this classified road would cause a significant highway hazard mainly due to the lack of visibility that can be provided on the site. There would also appear to be no provision within the site to enable vehicles to exit the site in a forward gear. It is considered that the development is contrary to Policy 49 of the Somerset and Exmoor National Park Joint Structure Plan Review.

- 8. Recommendation**

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to commence enforcement action to secure the stopping up of the unauthorised access and take prosecution action subject to satisfactory evidence should the notice not be 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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