

## **Planning Committee – 28 March, 2007**

### **Report of the Development Control Manager**

#### **Enforcement Item**

#### **Parish: Taunton**

1. **File/Complaint Number** E381/38/2005
2. **Location of Site** The Hair Studio, Black Horse Lane, Taunton.
3. **Names of Owners** Ms Julie Gilbert
4. **Names of Occupiers** Ms Julie Gilbert
5. **Nature of Contravention**

Display of two signs to the rear of the building, one directional hanging sign on the opposite property and one freestanding sign.

6. **Planning History**

The signs were first brought to the Council's attention in December 2005. A letter was sent in May 2006 inviting the owner to submit an application for the retention of these signs. No response was received and a further three letters were sent in October, November and December 2006. In March 2007 telephone contact was made with the owner who assured me that an application would be submitted by 12 March, 2007. A letter was sent to Ms Gilbert confirming the above but to date this application has not been received.

7. **Reasons for taking Action**

The signs appear to be an intrusive element in the street scene and is detrimental to the visual amenity of the area. It is also considered to be contrary to Taunton Deane Local Plan Policy EC26 and with the Council's approved supplementary Planning Guidance on Advertisement Control.

8. **Recommendation**

The solicitor to the Council be authorised to commence prosecution action to secure the removal of the sign.

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

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