

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 17 AUGUST, 2005

Report of the Development Control Manager

ENFORCEMENT ITEM

Parish: Taunton

1. **File/Complaint Number** E402/38/2004
2. **Location of Site** 82 Staplegrove Road, Taunton.
3. **Names of Owners** Mr Bosworth
4. **Names of Occupiers** Mr Bosworth

5. **Nature of Contravention**

Installation of uPVC double glazed windows on second floor.

6. **Planning History**

The aforementioned windows were installed on 16 November, 2004. Contact was made with the owner by the Conservation Officer while the installers were on site and assurances were given that the windows would be removed and replaced with wooden sash 12 pane windows with details to be formally agreed/approved. From that initial contact with the owner nothing happened and so the Enforcement Officer wrote to the owner, with a copy sent to the window company on 28 February, 2005 advising that the windows should be replaced in order to avoid listed building enforcement action being taken. To date no response has been made by the owner to rectify the situation and the unauthorised windows remain.

7. **Reasons for taking Action**

The windows by reason of their design and materials used are detrimental to the appearance and character of this Grade II building and the Conservation Area of which it forms an important integral part of the street scene, contrary to national guidance, Taunton Deane Local Plan Policies EN16 and EN17 and Somerset and Exmoor National Park Joint Structure Plan Review Policy 9.

8. **Recommendation**

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to take listed building enforcement action to secure the reinstatement of timber vertically sliding sash windows and to authorise prosecution in respect of the owner and the installers Taunton Windows and Conservatories.

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

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