

## **Planning Committee – 2 July 2008**

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

#### **Enforcement Item**

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>File/Complaint Number</b>   | E83/38/2008               |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Location of Site</b>        | 49 Bridge Street, Taunton |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Names of Owners</b>         | Mr B D Burrige            |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Name of Occupiers</b>       | DIT GROUPE                |
| <b>5.</b> | <b>Nature of Contravention</b> |                           |

The erection of 3 flags together with poles and brackets attached to the building. Also a new large fascia board has been erected on the property.

##### **6. Planning History**

The flags were first brought to the Councils' attention in April 2008. A site visit was made and discussions took place with Mr Peter Nduthu, Marketing and Sales Directorate, of D.I.T. Groupe. He was advised that the flags and poles together with the brackets needed to be removed, as in the event that an application was submitted for their retention it was unlikely that permission would be granted. Following this, Mr Nduthu requested a site meeting with the Conservation Officer. This was carried out and agreement was reached that the flags and fittings would be removed by the 1 June 2008. The flags have been removed but the fittings are still in situ. At this meeting Mr Nduthu was also advised that listed building consent was required for the retention of the existing fascia. To date no application has been received.

##### **7. Reasons for Taking Action**

The fixings to enable three flags to be flown on this middle terrace of listed properties is excessive and totally inappropriate in this location. The fascia sign is too large and of inappropriate materials.

##### **8. Recommendation**

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to serve a listed building enforcement notice and commence prosecution action in respect of the unauthorised works to this listed building.

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

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