

**PLANNING COMMITTEE – 7 SEPTEMBER, 2005**

**Report of the Development Control Manager**

**ENFORCEMENT ITEM**

**Parish: Hatch Beauchamp**

1. **File/Complaint Number** E392/19/2003
2. **Location of Site** Old Post Cottage, Village Road, Hatch Beauchamp, Taunton, TA3 6SG
3. **Names of Owners** Mr & Mrs N Thomas
4. **Names of Occupiers** Mr & Mrs Thomas
5. **Nature of Contravention**

Erection of a canopy to front of building

6. **Planning History**

The canopy was erected following a change of use and refurbishment of the property into a dwelling. The provision of the canopy required planning permission as it projects forward of the face of the building.

A retrospective application was submitted on 11 November, 2003 and subsequently refused under delegated powers on 3 February, 2004. Further negotiations took place between the Conservation Officer and the owner and it was thought that the canopy would be removed, however this has clearly not happened.

7. **Reasons for taking Action**

The canopy is an alien feature, at variance with the character of the building, street scene and Conservation Area of Hatch Beauchamp and as such is contrary to Somerset and Exmoor National Park Joint Structure Plan Review Policy 9 and Taunton Deane Local Plan Policy EN14 and advice in PPG15.

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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