

Planning Committee – 13 December, 2006

Report of the Development Control Manager

Enforcement Item

Parish: Taunton

1. **File/Complaint Number** 38/2006/446A – E233/38/2006
2. **Location of Site** 6 The Mount, Taunton.
3. **Names of Owners** Mr P Fudge
4. **Names of Occupiers** Mr P Fudge

5. **Nature of Contravention**

Erection of Funeral Directors signs.

6. **Planning History**

A complaint was received that signs were being displayed at 6 The Mount, Taunton on 19th July, 2006. A site visit was made on 20th July, 2006 and photographs taken of the signs. A letter was sent to the owner advising him that the signs required advertisement consent under Schedule 3 of the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 1992. An application (38/2006/446A) for the retention of the two signs was received on 3rd October, 2006 and a split decision made on 21st November, 2006 granting consent for the smaller sign but refusing the large sign mounted on the gable wall.

7. **Reasons for taking Action**

The display of the sign, by reason of its size, siting, design and colour causes disharmony with and detracts from the character and appearance of the building and is unduly prominent in the street scene to the detriment of the character and visual amenity of the area, contrary to Taunton Deane Local Plan Policy EC26

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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