

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 14 December 2005

Report of the Development Control Manager

ENFORCEMENT ITEM

Parish: Pitminster

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| 1. | File/Complaint Number | E387/30/2003 |
| 2. | Location of Site | Feltham House, Feltham,
Taunton, Somerset |
| 3. | Names of Owners | Mr N Baker |
| 4. | Names of Occupiers | Mr N Baker |

5. **Nature of Contravention**

Erection of boundary wall adjacent to highway

6. **Planning History**

A complaint was received in October 2003 that a wall was being constructed adjacent to the highway at Feltham House. There were concerns over its height but mostly about its protrusion into the highway and it effectively reducing the carriageway width. The owner was contacted and informed that the wall required planning permission, as it was over 1m in height. No application was forthcoming but it was noticed that the wall had been reduced in height. The question regarding the encroachment onto the highway was resolved by the Highway Authority who confirmed that the wall is not on highway land. Further site visits were made and it was found that the wall had been substantially reduced but a portion of the coping to the wall is over 1m in height but this is due to the slope of the road. The owner also intends to reduce the height of the existing pier located at the start of the access. The wall will also be rendered and painted leaving the Natural Stone coping showing.

7. **Reasons for taking Action**

It is considered that as the only part of the wall over 1m in height is minimal an application, if submitted, would be approved and therefore it is not expedient to take any further action.

8. **Recommendation**

That members resolve not to take any further action over the wall.

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

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