

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 7 SEPTEMBER, 2005

Report of the Development Control Manager

ENFORCEMENT ITEM

Parish: West Hatch

1. **File/Complaint Number** E66/47/2005
2. **Location of Site** Abbeywood, West Hatch, Taunton, TA3 5RL
3. **Names of Owners** Mr A Clements
4. **Names of Occupiers** Mr A Clements
5. **Nature of Contravention**

Erection of 6 ft wall adjacent to the highway.

6. **Planning History**

The wall was constructed in February this year to a height of approximately 1.8 m. It is of concrete block and render construction and situated 200 mm back from the edge of the highway. The owner was contacted and advised that planning permission was required as the wall was over 1m high adjacent to the highway. He confirmed that he would not submit an application but would reduce the wall down to 1m. County Highways were contacted who were concerned about the lack of visibility the wall has caused and recommended that it should be removed or set back from the edge of the carriageway. In July contractors reduced the height of the wall, which now measures 950 mm at the lowest point and 1.10 m at the highest.

7. **Reasons for not taking Action**

Although technically part of the wall is still over 1m in height the amount is only 100 mm (4 ft) at the highest part and is considered to be acceptable.

8. **Recommendation**

As planning permission would not be required if the wall was 1m high it is considered that the additional height is insignificant and an improvement on the original 1.8 m high wall. Therefore it is recommended that no further action be taken.

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

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