

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 18 DECEMBER 2002

Report of Chief Planning Officer

ENFORCEMENT ITEM

Taunton Parish

1. **File/Complaint Number** E195/38/2002
2. **Location of Site** Riverside Place, Off St James Street, Taunton
3. **Names of Owners** Unknown
4. **Names of Occupiers** Newcross Nursing Agency
5. **Nature of Contravention**

Retention of unauthorised illuminated box sign

6. **Planning History**

The sign was first noticed in August 2002. Contact was made with the agency and they were informed at that time Advertisement consent was required for the retention of the sign. Application forms were left for them to complete. Further contact was made in September requesting the application and again in December 2002. Several phone calls have been made but to the owners but to date an application for the retention of the sign has not been received.

7. **Reasons for taking Action**

It is considered that the display of an illuminated sign would be inappropriate on these premises, having regard to the character of the area and would detract from the visual amenity of the area.

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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