

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 18 MAY, 2005

Report of the Development Control Manager

ENFORCEMENT ITEM

Parish: Taunton

1. **File/Complaint Number** E441/38/2004
2. **Location of Site** The Perkin Warbeck, Lloyds No1 Bar, 22 - 23 East Street, Taunton.
3. **Names of Owners** J D Weatherspoon PLC
4. **Names of Occupiers** The Perkin Warbeck
5. **Nature of Contravention**

New fascia sign and external cowl lights.

6. **Planning History**

A complaint was received regarding the new fascia sign and external brass coloured cowl lights on 14 December, 2004. A letter was sent to the property Manager at the head office informing them that Advertisement Consent is required for the sign. The reason for this is that concealed trough lighting illuminated the original fascia sign but the new sign is now illuminated by a number of external cowl lights, which illuminate both the lettering and the background. A reply was received from J D Wetherspoon PLC stating that it will be given their urgent attention, however, to date no application has been received and the sign continues to be displayed.

7. **Reasons for taking Action**

The cowl lights are considered contrary to the Advertisement Control Policy Guidance document due to their modern design and bright colour on what is a prominent traditional building. Also the excessive number of cowl lights result in a detrimental impact on the character of the building and the visual amenities of the area contrary to Policy Ec25 of the Taunton Deane Local Plan.

8. **Recommendation**

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to commence prosecution proceedings in order to secure the removal of the external illumination.

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

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