

PLANNING COMMITTEE – 18 MAY, 2005

Report of the Development Control Manager

ENFORCEMENT ITEM

Parish: Taunton

1. **File/Complaint Number** 38/2004/161A – E81/38/2005
2. **Location of Site** Taunton School, Staplegrove Road, Taunton.
3. **Names of Owners** Mr D J A Taylor, Bursar, Taunton School
4. **Names of Occupiers** Taunton School
5. **Nature of Contravention**

Retention of two notice boards at entrance to Taunton School for which advertisement consent has been refused.

6. **Planning History**

The notice boards were brought to the Council's attention in March 2004. An application was requested for their retention and was received on 13 March, 2004. This application was subsequently refused under delegated powers on 7 June, 2004. The signs were later removed but have recently reappeared and to date remain in situ.

7. **Reasons for taking Action**

The signs would add to those at present displayed at the entrance and would result in a multiplicity of advertising matter which would spoil the appearance of the entrance and school buildings and detract from the visual amenities of the area.

The signs are therefore contrary to Policy EC26 of the Taunton Deane Local Plan and Policy ADV/10 of the Taunton Deane Borough Council Advertisement Control Policy Guidance. Also the signs would have an adverse effect upon the setting of the Listed Buildings of the School by reason of their size and the changeable nature of their design. The signs are therefore also contrary to Policy EN16 of the Taunton Deane Local Plan.

8. **Recommendation**

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to commence Prosecution Action to secure the removal of the signs, their associated fittings and any appropriate repair required to the stonework after the fittings are removed.

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

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