

**PLANNING COMMITTEE – 29 JANUARY, 2003**

**Report of the Chief Planning Officer**

**ENFORCEMENT ITEM**

**Parish: Milverton**

1. **File/Complaint Number** 23/2000/033
2. **Location of Site** Rear of White Hart, Milverton.
3. **Names of Owners** Mr M Gough
4. **Names of Occupiers** Mr M Gough
5. **Nature of Contravention**  
Conversion of barn to dwelling not in accordance with the approved plans.

6. **Planning History**

Planning permission was granted by Committee in April 2001 for the conversion of a barn to a dwelling to the rear of the White Hart, Milverton. As part of the approved plans, the external staircase rising to the first floor is shown and even annotated as being removed. At the time of writing this remains in position. The plans also show a new stone wall to be constructed between the new dwelling and the pub. Fence panels have been erected instead.

7. **Reasons for taking Action**

At the request of the Parish Council, the agent amended the plans to remove the external staircase. This was welcomed by the Local Planning Authority as it reduced the degree of potential overlooking from the top of the staircase towards neighbouring properties and indeed benefited the character and appearance of the building. As the site is within the Conservation Area, and surrounded by stone walls, the Local Planning Authority would not wish to see fence panels dividing the pub from the dwelling and consider them to be out of character in this historical central part of the village.

8. **Recommendation**

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to serve an Enforcement Notice and prosecution proceedings subject to satisfactory evidence if the notice is not complied with.

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

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