

Report of the Chief Planning Officer

ENFORCEMENT ITEM

Parish: Taunton

1. **File/Complaint Number** E297/38/2002
2. **Location of Site** 11 Silver Street, Taunton.
3. **Names of Owners** Ms Kai Mei Anderson
4. **Names of Occupiers** All Wood Country Kitchens, 9 Silver Street, Taunton.

5. **Nature of Contravention**

Display of sign on flank wall of 11 Silver Street.

6. **Planning History**

The sign appeared on the wall of 11 Silver Street early in 2002. A visit was made and the owner of All Wood Country Kitchens was informed that 11 Silver Street was a listed building and to display the sign on the flank wall required Listed Building consent. A letter was sent to the proprietor of All Wood Country Kitchens on 5th December, 2002 requesting that the sign be removed by 2nd January, 2003. To date the sign is still being displayed.

7. **Reasons for taking Action**

It is considered that the size and siting of the sign is detrimental to the character of this Grade II listed building. It is also considered that if allowed to remain in this position it would create an unfortunate precedent for further similar advertisements within the area which the Local Planning Authority would find difficult to resist.

8. **Recommendation**

The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to serve a Listed Building Enforcement Notice and prosecution action subject to sufficient evidence being obtained should the notice not be 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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