METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WIRRAL

PLANNING COMMITTEE: 15th NOVEMBER 2007

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES, DEVELOPMENT CONTROL SECTION

ERECTION OF ROLLER SHUTTERS OVER 2 METRES IN HEIGHT WHERE ADJACENT TO A HIGHWAY AT 52 CHESTERFIELD ROAD, EASTHAM.

1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this report is to advise members of the erection of a roller shutter measuring 2.9 metres in height. It is proposed that action be taken in this matter as it is considered the roller shutters have a detrimental impact on the amenities of the occupiers of neighbouring residential properties. Authority to serve an Enforcement Notice should be given.

2. Breach of Planning

2.1. Erection of a means of enclosure that exceeds 1 metre in height where adjacent to a highway.

3. Evidence

- 3.1. A complaint was received on the 16th March 2007 regarding the erection of gates at 52 Chesterfield Road, Eastham.
- 3.2. A site visit was carried out on the 21st March 2007 and it was determined that roller shutters had been erected to 2.9 metres in height.
- 3.3. A planning application (APP/2007/5945) was submitted to retain the roller shutters on the 10th May 2007, and was refused on the 13th July 2007.

4. Expediency for Enforcement Action

4.1. The development forms a visually obtrusive feature by reason of its scale, materials and location that the Local Planning Authority considers to be detrimental to the general character of the street scene. Therefore the Local Planning Authority considers the development contrary to policies HS11 and SPG11.

5. Financial and Staffing Implications

5.1. There are no direct financial implications.

6. Equal Opportunities Implications

6.1. I am not aware of any Equal Opportunities Implications.

7. Local Agenda 21 Implications

7.1. I am not aware of any Human Rights Implications.

8. Local Member Support Implications

8.1. This report will be of interest to Eastham members.

9. Background Papers

9.1. None

10. Recommendation(s)

10.1 To serve an Enforcement Notice to ensure the removal of the roller shutters. Time for compliance 2 Months.

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