



Planning Committee

21 July 2015

Site	Former Steam Mill, Corn Hill, Wolverhampton
Proposal	To inform Planning Committee of the authorisation of the serving under Section 78 of the Building Act 1984 (Dangerous building – emergency measures) of a notice given to the owner of the Steam Mill of the Council's intention to take immediate action to remove the danger.
Ward	Heath Town
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Peter Bilson Economic Regeneration and Prosperity
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1. Recommendation

- 1.1 Planning Committee are recommended to note the contents of this report.

2. Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Planning Committee that on the 8th July 2015, pursuant to Section 78 of the Building Act 1984 (**Dangerous building – emergency measures**), notice was given to the owner of the Steam Mill of the Council's intention to take immediate action to remove the danger.

3. Report Detail

- 3.1 Relevant action taken under the "Urgent Business" rule at 6.9 of the Constitution must be reported to the next available Planning Committee.
- 3.2 In accordance with the "Urgent Business" rule, the serving of the Section 78 notice was discussed with and approved in writing by the Vice-Chair of Planning Committee (in the Chair's absence) and was then authorised by the Strategic Director, Place in conjunction with the Managing Director. This written authorisation included details of the proposed

action as set out in the attached report (Appendix 1). The justification for using the expedited procedure was that immediate action was required to seek to remedy a danger to public safety.

- 3.3 Balfour Beatty, acting on behalf of the Interchange Partnership that includes the Council, have begun the difficult process of carefully and safely demolishing the building. The demolition programme is being worked through and refined as it progresses as this is a challenging building to demolish safely.
- 3.4 The attached report (Appendix 1) sets out the background and justification for the decision made to serve a Section 78 notice.