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From: Roger Scutt [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 August 2018 17:30
To: Daun Johnson
Subject: Re: AL/81/18/PL Woodend, Slindon Bottom Road

Dear Mrs Johnson,

Thank you for your quick response to ref AL/81/18/PL on 20 Aug.

I attached a History of the Annex to my initial application which I thought made it clear as to the building we were talking about. Maybe if I repeat a brief resume of the circumstances it will help clear up any anomalies.

The Annex in question was built 13 years ago with approved planning permission. A conservatory was added to the original approval and this was also approved. The Annex was built for my Mother-in-Law to live in, giving her privacy and a sense of independence albeit on our property so that we could assist her when necessary and I believe this was part of the reason why planning permission was given.

[REDACTED] and we then decided to run the Annex as a Holiday Let, Mindful that everything should be transparent I wrote to the council informing them of what my intention was. (Letter lost when old computer crashed). The Council received this letter because one of your Officers came round to see the Annex. The result of this was it was declared a separate detached building and I was then instructed to pay rates of over £1000. I queried this as the Annex is actually attached to my property and was told quite firmly that it was a separate building. As a result of this I then applied to make the building a separate building. This Application was refused on the grounds that it was not a separate building but attached to my house. I was now in a catch 22 situation with one hand telling one thing and the other hand telling me opposite. I still continued to pay the extra rates bill.

Last November I received a visit from Mrs Rose Dannatt. She wrote to me stating that the Annex should be used solely for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of Woodend as a dwelling and shall not be used as a separate unit of accommodation. Again catch 22 where I am paying rates for what a member of your Council deemed a separate dwelling..

I met with Mrs Dannatt and she advised that I should apply for retrospective permission for the building (Annex) to change the use to Mixed use dwelling where I regularly use it for my family but also do weekly holiday lettings. I think Garden Annex was misleading and has caused the confusion for which I apologise. In hindsight I would omit the word Garden. I am no expert at planning applications and only seek to get things right and legal. The Annex is indeed part of my house and is indeed in my garden. Nevertheless this is the building I am seeking the change of use for.. The floor plans are not the plans for the house but the plans of my Annex. These plans were asked for in Mrs Dannatt's letter to me [REDACTED] dated 9th May 2018.

I hope that my comments have been helpful. [REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely

Roger Scutt

On Mon, Aug 20, 2018 at 3:02 PM Daun Johnson <Daun.Johnson@arun.gov.uk> wrote:

Mr Scutt,

Thank you for the plans that were received on 20th August 2018.

I think there was a bit of a misunderstanding when I asked for floor plans.

The application form states that the 'change of use to mixed use dwelling & use of a garden annexe for holiday lets'. My understanding from the proposal is that a garden structure which is currently ancillary to the main dwelling is to be used as an annexe for holiday lets.

I need floor plans for the annexe, not the house and also you will need to highlight the position of the garden annexe you wish to use as a holiday let.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Mrs Johnson

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