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Sent: 19 August 2020 10:45

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Subject: BR/138/20/PL

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From: Ruth Harding [REDACTED]

Sent: 17 August 2020 16:38

To: Maria Tomalova <Maria.Tomalova@arun.gov.uk>

Subject: Former Royal Bay Care Home - response to recommendation for refusal

Dear Maria

Thank you for speaking with me this morning to outline the Council's position. As explained, it is all extremely frustrating, especially given the important nature of the application, however I appreciate you personally have little say in procedure and process.

Having discussed with my clients, we wish to retain the option of submitting an appeal and therefore do not wish to withdraw the current application. I will be preparing a re-submission application shortly and, as discussed, would appreciate your best efforts in expediting a decision (albeit appreciating statutory timescales for consultation etc). I assume this resubmission will qualify as a "free-go" with regard to the planning application fee?

Just as an aside, when we spoke this morning you disagreed that agricultural workers were key workers, as set out in the application. I thought it would be helpful to include the link below from the Government website which reaffirms the critical sectors. Under the sub-heading Critical Workers, it states "*parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response include ... those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors*". One of those key sectors is "**Food and other necessary goods**".

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

The Applicants will be furnishing me with further evidence that agricultural workers fall within the aforementioned "critical worker" category.

You will also see from the link below that "*Seasonal Agricultural worker who have an offer of employment for seasonal work to carry out specific activities in edible horticulture on a named farm*" are exempt from quarantine restrictions due to their important status.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-travellers-exempt-from-uk-border-rules/coronavirus-covid-19-travellers-exempt-from-uk-border-rules>

Finally I would emphasise that the Applicant company did not own the South Downs site in Bracklesham Bay. They leased the site on a temporary basis whilst the owner and developer of the site pursued planning permission for residential development. The Applicant company's business is a employment recruiter and accommodation provider - not a residential developer.

I would be grateful if you could email me with details of why the Council cannot accept amendments to planning applications (which is very irregular, counter-productive and certainly not the pro-active type of approach that the Government expects Councils to take, resulting in avoidable additional costs and expensive delays). I would also appreciate a copy of the Council's scheme of delegation.

If you could acknowledge safe receipt of this email and indicate when you might be able to provide the information requested above I would be grateful.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kind regards

Ruth



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