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From: Simon Davis
Sent: 26 September 2018 13:03
To: Planning Scanning
Subject: FW: BR/143/18/PL Change of use from vacant arcade

Importance: High

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Kind Regards

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From: Phil Hamblin [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 September 2018 13:09
To: Simon Davis
Cc: Richard Brooks
Subject: RE: BR/143/18/PLChange of use from vacant arcade
Importance: High

Dear Simon

Thank you for the reply.

To be honest I am still at a loss why the noise mitigation is even on the table. An amusement arcade (well was), which as everyone is aware is a very noisy environment with music, bells, alarms and high pitch noises. There is no way, any of the proposed CoU uses will get to this noise level and if anything it will be a massive improvement for the local environment in terms of noise pollution. This condition seems totally unnecessary and a good waste of funds and resources.

Ventilation I agree with but noise I think is nonsense. But I know from bitter experience that this message will not detract from Arun doing as they please and the condition will be added anyway.

We are just trying to be reasonable. We are very experienced in what we do and yet we seem to be belittled by others who believe otherwise and believe they know better.

Sorry Simon but I think this is out of order and especially the time they have taken to comment on this well over due application.

Regards
Phil
HJC

From: Simon Davis [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: 26 September 2018 12:37

To: 'Phil Hamblin' [REDACTED]
Cc: Richard Brook [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: BR/143/18/PLChange of use from vacant arcade

Dear Phil,

I have had a think about the response and consider that we can use conditions to control the noise mitigation measures and cooking odours/food types etc.

As previously stated, it is my intention to start (and ideally complete) the officer report on the 2nd October.

Kind Regards

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From: Phil Hamblin [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 September 2018 15:36
To: Simon Davis
Cc: Richard Brooks
Subject: RE: BR/143/18/PLChange of use from vacant arcade
Importance: High

Dear Simon

6-8 Waterloo Square - Change of use from vacant arcade (Sui Generis) to include A1 (Shops), A3 (Restaurant & Cafe) & A4 (Drinking Establishment) & outdoor seating area, change of ground floor external facade & installation of external bin store.

I am somewhat disappointed that this has just been issued to us (EHO Comments).

The application was made valid on the 18 May 2018 and the decision date should have been 18 July.

Further to our email on the 1st Aug asking for an update (which was passed the decision date) you asked for an EOT, which we did not object to and agreed an EOT of 31 August, giving you ample time to deal with this application based on the data submitted under the application. We still find you have lots of application ahead of this one which is given the time line was disappointing and commercially affecting the use of the building which was vacant and not a pretty site in the tourist area and the conservation area.

Now on the 24 Sept you email out a request from the EHO, which to be honest is extremely late and beyond the dates for this application and should be ignored. It request is unacceptable given the current use of the building as an amusement arcade. The EHO clearly has not read the file or looked into the building as the proposed uses will significantly reduce the noise levels, therefore not requiring a noise assessment.

Whilst we have applied for A3 and A4 use we currently don't know which units they would take if any at all, which is why it was left open on the drawings. The purpose of the proposal is to bring life back to Bognor in this vacant deprived building which does not enhance the conservation area or improve the vitality of the important tourist area.

We also find the additional information request un-necessary given the notes above and again could be dealt with by condition.

If this information had been requested in the proper time frame for the application, the applicant may have been more willing, but given the time that has passed they are not.

I have discussed this with the applicant and it is felt that Arun DC will have to deal with the application with the data presented, as no further information will be submitted under this application.

You can clearly condition any use and as it is in a conservation area any external extracts etc will need to be cleared by the conservation team. The fact that we don't know which units require this equipment, make it impossible to deal with the EHO request at this point in time, but can be dealt with under condition should their fitout be required, which is normal for retail units.

It seems that Arun can hold applications indefinitely and creating issues that should not exist. We do feel this is detrimental to the tourist and conservation area, given that conditions can be used and the building brought into a useful use again much sooner.

There was good support for this application and yet months later it is still on a desk and cannot be implemented, despite the applicant spending resources to try and improve the building, its use for the wider community/ tourists and improve the conservation area.

Should Arun decide to refuse the application then either the building remains vacant or returns to its previous use, which out external improvements.

Regards

Phil Hamblin I Eng M.I.C.E. AMIStructE

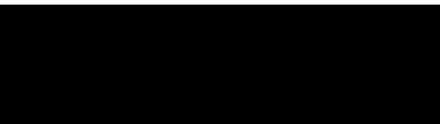


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