

Karen Parsons

From: Juan Baeza
Sent: 02 October 2018 08:41
To: Karen Parsons
Cc: Richard Castro-Parker
Subject: FW: Planning application FG/95/18/HH

Hi Karen

Can you EOT please.

Thanks

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From: Ian Mitchell [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 October 2018 17:40
To: Juan Baeza
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Planning application FG/95/18/HH

Dear Mr Baeza,

Thank you for your emails and for agreeing to make a decision by 10th October. I am disappointed that 10 weeks after the original deadline and a number of false promises, broken deadlines and refusal to reply to correspondence, that a decision cannot be reached this week. I understand your staffing situation, although that is not entirely my concern, but I appreciate your prompt reply to my email. On the understanding that 10th means 10th and that there are no further requests for an extension, I am willing to agree to this.

Yours sincerely,
Ian Mitchell

Sent from my iPad

> On 1 Oct 2018, at 15:28, Juan Baeza <Juan.Baeza@arun.gov.uk> wrote:

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> Dear Mr Mitchell,

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> I have gone through the application with Mr Castro-Parker and we have agreed that I will have a report from him by the end of this week. I will make sure that a decision gets to your agent by no later than the 10 October. I trust that this will be acceptable to you and if you could agree an extension of time to the 10th by return that would be much appreciated.

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> Regards

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Juan Baeza
> Sent: 01 October 2018 09:10
> To: 'Ian Mitchell'
> Cc: Carl Moore; Kevin Atterbury; Richard Castro-Parker
> Subject: RE: Planning application FG/95/18/HH
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> Dear Mr Mitchell
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> Please accept my apologies for the delay you have experienced in getting this application determined and how it has affected the plans for your property. Mr Moore has on more than one occasion chased your application and has lately had discussions with Mr Castro-Parker the case officer. I had hoped that a report could have been written for my attention earlier but unfortunately Mr Castro-Parker came into the application late and due to the severe staff problems we have experienced was given a caseload of old cases including this one when starting as a contractor with the Council.
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> I will see Mr Castro-Parker today and make steps to expedite this one. I can't promise that a decision will be made by the end of the week but will get back to you by the end of today/tomorrow to advise you on steps forward.
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> Regards
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ian Mitchell [<mailto:ian54331@aol.com>]
> Sent: 29 September 2018 12:48
> To: Juan Baeza; Neil Crowther
> Cc: Carl Moore; Kevin Atterbury
> Subject: Planning application FG/95/18/HH
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> Dear Mr Baeza,
> As you are aware, I am the owner of 25 South Drive, Ferring. My architect, Carl Moore, submitted a planning application on my behalf in May. I am sure you will recall that you approved plans for redevelopment of my house around 18 months ago (and more recently replacement of the garage). My neighbour had had concerns about a perceived loss of light that the front extension would cause and the original plans were modified to take this into account. My neighbour was then satisfied and the application was approved. However, shortly after building commenced and rendered my house uninhabitable, my neighbour raised objections. Having taken legal advice, he has no actual right to light and I do not personally think this was an issue. However, in the spirit of compromise, I decided to redraw the plans to remove any perceived light issue. As you know from the correspondence, my neighbour asked for a window to be opaque (which we have agreed to) and with this adjustment, he is happy with the plans and is happy for building to commence. He no longer has issues with light.
> Given that the current application is mostly identical to the previously approved plans apart from the front extension and that that part of the build is now agreed between all interested parties and there are no other objections, I am hopeful that you would have no difficulty approving this application, which in essence is simply a modification of previously approved plans.
> Submission was made in May and a decision was supposed to be made by 19th July. I do understand that your department has suffered from staff shortages and I am sympathetic, however whilst I am uncertain of my legal

rights, I do have a right to expect a fair and reasonable response and have been very patient. Despite writing myself and Mr Moore writing frequently, numerous promises of deadlines have repeatedly passed and there has been a refusal to engage with our correspondence and give a firm undertaking to agree a decision date. This surely is neither fair, reasonable or even courteous.

> Unfortunately, as all work stopped many months ago, the house, or what is left of it, is falling into disrepair. Tiles are falling off the roof (which is a potential hazard to neighbours), the house is inhabited by foxes and probably as a result there has been a serious water leak. I have no doubt that rats are also present. None of this is good for me, but it is certainly not desirable for close neighbours. Furthermore, as a result of delays, building costs have escalated and I now find myself obliged to pay the full Council tax as my 50% discount permitted for 1 year has expired. Somewhat unfair as the delay in completing the work is due to the Council! I realise these are not directly your concerns, but I mention them so that you can understand the effects of having no planning decision.

> For safety reasons and in order to address some of the issues, I have asked Holmes Building Services to return to the site. Clearly they will not build parts of the house not already covered by previous approved planning applications, but they can remove the garage (the rear wall of which is unsafe) and do other pressing work. However, in the circumstances and given that a decision is now 10 weeks overdue, I would be most grateful if you would please reply to this email when you receive it on Monday and agree to make a decision by the end of this week. I sincerely hope that we can progress this matter but if that is not possible, please can you advise me of my formal rights and who to contact to take matters further.

> I look forward to hearing from you.

> Yours sincerely,

> Ian Mitchell

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