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Please ask for:
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Your Ref:

Our Ref: HJA/EH/15/10

Dear M Barker and Mrs Wood

Re: Planning application – West Beach Café

I write further to your letter of 16th June 2011.

I have taken instructions from the officers and had the benefit of Council's advice. However in order for the Council to respond fully to the matters you have raised, please provide the following details.

Storage unit and toilets

1. Will the storage facility be used to store food stuffs of any kind.
2. If so will these be in sealed containers or packaging.
3. Will there be any freezers and/or fridges in the facility and what type of foodstuffs will be stored in them.
4. Are you intending to prepare or handle any foodstuffs in the facility, if so what type of food and what type of preparation do you intend to undertake.
5. Is the area where the facility and toilets to have a roof or covering, and if so what will this be.
6. Will any roof or covering be permanently fixed.

Environmental Health welcome in principle the addition of storage space which was identified at inspection as inadequate in volume. However, you should be aware that aspects of the proposal in terms of layout and structure will restrict the use of the store.

Construction

The proposal contained within the submitted planning application shows a metal container as a storage facility. The nature of a metal container is that there is likely to be condensation present unless it is adapted to include adequate ventilation. An environment

in which there is condensation is unsuitable for the storage or handling of open food and food which is not in impermeable packaging.

Layout

Furthermore, the plans of the proposed layout show that to access this container from the cafe, would necessitate walking outdoors where it would be open to airborne contamination. To avoid contamination of food during transport between cafe and store (and vice versa) open (un covered/packaged) foods should not be transported between the cafe and store.

You may wish to consider an extension to the cafe which is accessed directly from the cafe and which is well insulated and ventilated as this would provide a more versatile space which would allow a wider range of food to be stored, and also prepared if suitable materials are used. If you would like any further information on the structure of the premises, including layout and materials, please contact the Environmental Health's Commercial team who will be happy to advise.

Yours sincerely

Miss Helen Atkinson
Litigation Solicitor