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Our Ref: M/42/17/HH-NC/SDB

Dear Mr & Mrs Beatty

Planning Application M/42/17/HH

I write in response to your letter dated 17 July 2017 concerning the above application. Your letter is one of a number of letters received concerning this application and the decision taken under delegated powers so I will answer these queries below.

A report was taken to Development Control Committee in June 2016 for Members to consider a proposed updated scheme of delegation. This report is published at the web link below from page 205 onwards. <http://www.arun.gov.uk/development-control-committee>

The scheme of delegation agreed by elected Members at that time was for all applications other than 'Minor' or 'Major' applications to be dealt with under delegated powers by Officers. Therefore, (as set out within the report and briefing note), all other applications will be dealt with under delegated powers. The agreed scheme of delegation confirms that 'Minor' or 'Major' applications will be presented to Committee in the instances where the comments of the Parish Council are in conflict with the recommendation.

The definition of 'Minor' and 'Major' applications are nationally defined categories of planning applications and are also defined within the Local Validation Requirements. The report to Committee in June 2016 confirms this (see footnote 2 on page 219 of the Agenda) and refers to these definitions. The requirements can be found at <http://www.arun.gov.uk/making-a-planning-application>

Householder applications are not 'Minor' applications. Planning application M/43/17/HH is a householder application and therefore has the suffix HH. 'Minor' applications in respect of residential development are those developments of 1-9 dwellings. The papers to Committee in June 2016 state (on page 213 of the agenda) that 100% of householder applications will be delegated and this was the scheme of delegation approved.

All Parish Councils were informed of this change in an email dated 16 June 2016 (see attached).

With specific reference to the claim in your letter that the application has not been determined in accordance with the approved scheme of delegation, I am satisfied that the decision has been made entirely in accordance with the delegated authority granted by the Council and no 'different approach' has been applied.

Yours sincerely

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Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

Copied to: Cllr Bower

Sent: 16 June 2016 16:27

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Cc: Karl Roberts; Nikolas Antoniou; Neil Crowther; Nicola Spencer; Daniel Wick; Juan Baeza; Carolyn Nysingh; Sue Bowley; Committees

Subject: Arun District Council Scheme of Delegation

Importance: High

Dear Clerk

As you will be aware the Council is currently in the midst of a process of reviewing how it can work more efficiently and effectively.

As part of this work the Development Control Committee, at their meeting on 15 June 2016, were invited to consider a report regarding amendments to the Scheme of Delegation. I attach a copy of this report for your information.

I can confirm that the revised Scheme of Delegation was approved and has been implemented with immediate effect.

What I would like to emphasise is that whilst the ability of your Council to require planning applications to be referred to the Development Control Committee has now been limited to applications classified as 'minor' or 'major', this does not reduce your Council's ability to comment on any application.

With the reduction now in the number of applications being referred to Development Control Committee, we are looking at the possibility of making alterations to the Council's scheme of public speaking to firstly, give all Town and Parish Councils a dedicated 'slot' should they wish to make representations to the Development Control Committee and secondly, increase the number of speakers permitted for 'major' schemes.

If you would like to discuss the changes I have referred to, please contact either myself, Neil Crowther or Nikolas Antoniou.

Kind Regards

for

Karl Roberts

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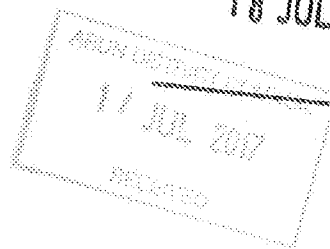
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17 July 2017

Dear Sir,

Ref: Planning Application M/42/17 /HH

We were surprised to learn that the above planning application was decided by the officer and not referred to the Development Control Committee for a decision. The advice published on line, "What is the Development Control Committee?" states:

Which applications are taken to the committee?

The following applications will be referred to committee:

Any Major or Minor application for planning permission which prior to its determination is subject to a written representation from a Parish Council, Town Council or formal Parish Meeting which has been received within the consultation period and which is in conflict with the recommendation of Officers.

We understood that following objections from the Parish Council and others that the application would be subject to a Committee decision and that we would have the opportunity to attend and make representations. The Parish Council wrote on 8 June unanimously objecting to the application.

This site has had many applications over the years and been subject to appeals to the Planning Inspector all of which have been rejected. It was therefore always likely to be a contentious issue.

Could you please explain why a different approach has been taken on this occasion, which appears contrary to the published procedures of Arun District Council.

cc Cllr Richard Bower Chair Development Control Committee

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