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Dear Ms Smith

Application for Lawful Development Certificate – 55-57 Sea Lane, Rustington Ref: R/138/26/CLE

The documents submitted by the Applicant's agent gives cause for concern on a number of points.

1. In the Evidence document provided by Ms Downs, there is a claim that AOS remained at 55-57 for the period between 2006 and at least 2016. However, reference to the annual returns from AOS to Companies House shows a number of inconsistencies. If the company had been resident at 55-57 for the period 2006 to 2016, why was it necessary to amend the Registered Office Address of the Company on 7 March 2013 and subsequently both the Registered Office Address of the Company and the Registered Inspection Address (SAIL) were changed on 14 March 2014? This strongly suggests that the company had NOT been trading fully from 55-57 but had been consistently trading from 59-61 for an extended period. This latter assertion is supported by the photographic evidence submitted by the applicants, showing the shopfront of both properties, with Arun Property Management occupying 55-57 and AOS occupying 59-61. The 2012 dated Google Earth/StreetView submitted by the applicants also shows another telling feature – the letterplate on the door of 55 is taped shut externally (an enlarged extract from Google is attached, showing the red/white striped tape) - this strongly suggests that postal deliveries were to be made to 59, thereby also confirming that their principal operations were carried out from 59 NOT 55 Sea Lane, as this also indicates that visitors were similarly directed to the door of 59. This strongly implies that the claimed continuous use of the premises by AOS during the decade between 2006 and 2016 is not in fact continuous, but is interrupted during 2012, as a minimum.
2. The Arun Business Rates 'evidence' provided as part of the supporting documents only confirms occupancy from 27 Feb 2013 onwards – it similarly fails to substantiate occupancy during the period 2006 to 2013, strongly questioning the validity of the claimed continued use for the decade between 2006 and 2016, further corroborating the 2012 hiatus noted in Item 1 above.

I hope that this information highlights the unreliable documentation submitted as part of the LDC application and will allow consideration that the alleged Breach of Planning Condition 2 (R/321/88) for a decade is not supported by the Applicants own evidence when critically reviewed and that the issue of an LDC is not justified in this instance.

Yours sincerely

John Sykes



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Dear Sirs

Please find attached a letter of objection relating to application R/138/26/CLE together with illustrative 'screenshot' attachment (Screenshot 2012 Taped LB at 55) cross-referenced in the attached letter, for your information.

Yours faithfully

John Sykes