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From: Nigel Evans MP [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 October 2023 14:36
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Fwd: DMD Design Ltd - 1 Lower Lane, Longridge : Service of Enforcement Notice (Case Ref: NE65027)



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To whom it may concern,

I hope that you are well. I am writing on behalf of a number of my constituents, whom are residents of Lower Lane.

My constituent's have contacted me with regards to a planning application by DMD Designs in Longridge. An example of this correspondence is attached below for your perusal.

In light of the issues raised I would greatly appreciate if these concerns could be taken into consideration during the decision making process.

Best,

Nigel

The Rt Hon Nigel Evans - MP for the Ribble Valley
Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 2 Oct, 2023 At 19:46
Subject: DMD Design Ltd - 1 Lower Lane, Longridge : Service of Enforcement Notice

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email dated 09/11/2023 to RVBC Planning Dept., in which you gave your support to the above business in respect of their Planning Application under reference 3/2022/0795. I note that the email carries a caveat in that it was "from your understanding there has been no nuisance or disturbance with the local surroundings".

I am not aware of how "your understandings" were collated however I wish to point out that there have been numerous incidents involving this business and local neighbours. The opinions of residents living in close proximity of this business on Lower Lane have never been sought and I feel that it is important that this is brought to your attention as our MP.

There have been, and continue to be, complaints to RVBC Planning Dept. covering the constant breach of the Alcohol License and Approved Planning Conditions attached to this business.

The issues culminated on Bank Holiday Monday the 2nd May 2022. On this day both Alcohol Licensing and Planning Conditions were once again openly breached by the business owner and once again complaints in respect of this were forwarded to RVBC Planning Dept.

The following is part of an email response to these complaints received from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

There is ongoing dialogue with the owner and her representatives in relation to the alleged breaches of planning control. The application which had been anticipated is still awaited, and the Council's enforcement staff are pressing the owner's agents for progress. In this case, it is considered that the appropriate course of action is to invite submission of an application which can then be determined on its merits, and including incorporation of appropriate conditions in the event that permission is granted.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

As you will note within the above email there is reference to a Planning Application by the business owner "still being awaited" that would address the issues raised by RVBC Planning Dept. [this was to cover the previous breaches of Alcohol Licence and Planning Conditions that were outstanding] It would, as mentioned in the subsequent Planning Statement submitted on behalf of the business owner, correct the "unlawful trading".

This "Application" was finally received by RVBC Planning Dept. in October 2022 and given your full support by way of your email referred to above. Surprisingly, the "Application" was subsequently withdrawn by the business owner with no reason given.

Despite not obtaining the correct Planning Approval for this business/property the business owner continued to carry on trading in breach of Planning Conditions throughout 2022 and into 2023.

Numerous complaints were made to the RVBC Planning Dept. by Lower Lane residents during early 2023. It is understood that the business premises were visited by the RVBC Enforcement Officer to discuss and try and resolve matters with the business owner face to face. The following is another copy text of an email covering the issues ;-

[REDACTED]

Given no change in this unlawful trading there was regular contact between residents of Lower lane and the RVBC Enforcement Officer. Finally the residents received an email from the Enforcement Officer as follows ;-

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I am sure you will acknowledge that the issuing of Enforcement Notices are not taken lightly by any Local Authority. However given the clear reluctance by the business owner to take any notice of numerous warnings there was little or no other action that could be taken. It highlights the seriousness of the situation and also the adverse impact this business was having on the residential amenity of Lower Lane. **The full details of the Notice can be viewed on the RVBC Planning web site and I am sure that you will find this of interest.**

I am sure that there will of course be another Planning Application submitted by the business owner in due course. I am also sure that once again you will be asked to give your full support.

I know that I do not have to remind you that the residents of Lower Lane who have objected to previous planning applications on this property are also your constituents. They are honest, law abiding, mainly elderly and some that live on their own who just wish to enjoy the peace and quiet of their homes.

The business owner has clearly shown utter contempt for any planning conditions or alcohol licence conditions. They have shown a total disregard to RVBC Officials and have tried their level best to mislead every single authority.

The Enforcement Notice is a direct result of the business owners continued disregard and contempt to any authority. The business owner has been told time and time again in advance not to carry on with the unlawful trading and told the correct way to deal with the situation but all of this was ignored.

It is a direct result of her unlawful actions as regards trading. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] time and time again. The business owner has tried to place blame on certain residents for her own unlawful actions. However it is clear that the only illegal actions taken here have been by the business owner.

I totally acknowledge that retail businesses have suffered badly over the past few years in particular due to Covid19. However the majority of these businesses have worked extremely hard within the law to rebuild. Is it right that someone who is prepared to trade unlawfully and totally disregard warnings and legal conditions to then be supported? Is giving support to this type of behaviour not rewarding extremely bad behaviour?

The business owner has had to make these Planning Applications to try and correct her unlawful trading. If it was not for RVBC Planning listening to local residents complaints then the unlawful trading would have just continued regardless.

In conclusion I would ask that having now read the actual facts for yourself you will understand how some residents and your constituents of Lower Lane feel. That you will understand how this business has adversely impacted on the residential amenity of our area. How the noise from the live music events impacts on the characteristics of our area. How large groups of people gathering on the Lane after a drinking session, how taxis/mini buses/cars from outside the area picking up/dropping off at the premises impacts on our area.

I would hope that if you are requested to support any application for this business in the future then you remember the unlawful actions of the business owner.

I and other residents would hope for your support if we are to object to any future applications by this business owner or at the very least then you abstain from supporting either side.

Regards

[REDACTED]

