



Solicitor
Southampton City Council
Civic Centre
Southampton SO14 7LS

Our Ref: NH/CB/698

23 February 2007

Dear Sir

141 BURGESS ROAD PLANNING CONTRAVENTION NOTICE

We are in receipt of the Solicitor's letter of 20 February 2007. Whilst we note that the majority of information requested was contained in our letter of 13 September 2006, we are responding in full as follows: -

1. Neil Holmes
2. Director Quayside Architects Ltd and QA+Development Ltd. Part owner with spouse of land to the rear of 141 Road
3. Freeholder. QA+Developments Ltd 141 Burgess Road SO16 7AA
 - (b) No leasee. Property occupied by QA+Developments Ltd and Quayside Architects Ltd (same personnel)
 - (c) Mortgagee QA+Developments Ltd
 - (d) Mrs BCF Holmes part owner land to the rear of 141 Burgess Road
4. Office use for Quayside Architects, QA+Developments Ltd
5. 01 March 2006
6. Less than 8 per week on average
7. 4 full time 1 part time 3 of 5 employees are family members plus architectural student from time to time (none at present)
8. Office days 5 per week, weekend use sporadic and short duration
9. Office hours flexible say 9 - 6pm
If weekends say 10am - 1pm
10. Cars maximum 4 at any one time
11. Visitors cars up to 8 (sporadic) each week, probably less than 5 average per week over a year
12. No "business" waste (paper in recycle bin) normal household waste, less waste than a household at present
13. 2 rooms and kitchen
14. 2 rooms business, kitchen residential
15. 3 rooms and bathroom
16. 3 vacant/residential

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The Council's Enforcement Officer, Mr Grayer, and Planning Officer, Mr Butler, recently visited the site and carried out an inspection. Under the circumstances and having regard for our letter of 13 September 2006, this Notice and letter appear to be at best superfluous, at worst harassment and a waste of public money.

We have also recently been inspected and assessed for business rates.

During his visit Mr Butler confirmed that if we were minded to reapply for planning permission for a live work unit officers would once again recommend approval. Thus there is no basis for enforcement

We have drawn the Council's attention to the provision of Circular 8/93 Annex 3 Para 24. We have also asked for details of the alleged harm and clarification of the reason for refusing application 06/00325/FUL without success.

It appears that the Council is acting vexatiously either on its own volition or as agent of a third party. We request sight of all of the background papers and file on this matter as a freedom of information request.

In support of this request we note:-

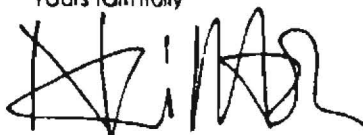
(i) Either the actions of the Council to date are a matter of public interest, in which case there is no immunity from disclosure

or

(ii) The Council refuses to disclose the information, in which case there will be no public interest and no enforcement action.

We look forward to confirmation of your position on these alternatives.

Yours faithfully



Neil Holmes
Quayside Architects