

Comments for Planning Application 23/01621/CLEUD

Application Summary

Application Number: 23/01621/CLEUD

Address: Blenheim Cottage The Square Freshwater Isle Of Wight PO40 9QH

Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for continued use of property as a permanent residential dwelling

Case Officer: Alexandra Lewis

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Rebecca Cameron

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Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I was asked to give evidence on the residency of Blenheim Cottage only from 2013-2015 but I feel I need to clarify a few points that have been brought up. Charlie Cripwell and Zoe Sadler's residency was in September 2011 to March 2012. Charlie was an Oceanographer (and spent periods away) and his partner Zoe an artist. They had a house they were selling on the mainland and rented Blenheim Cottage to see if they liked living on the Island. The let was a residential let rather than the more lucrative holiday cottage let, but when they were reported for breaching the holiday cottage conditions, they were found to not be in breach as they did have a property on mainland. Charlie and Zoe went on to purchase on the Island and Charlie joined the lifeboat. As far as I am aware there is no official minimum time that a person needs to be living in a property to make it qualify as their principal private residence, just that they make it their home, bring all their personal belongings and pay rent and utility bills. All the tenants were not on holiday but used the cottage as their main residence. If you rent holiday cottage utility bills are included in the rent. Zoe and Charlie, unlike the other tenants I was asked to give evidence for, didn't have a tenancy agreement. We did however have a gentleman's agreement that suited us both. So as far as I am concerned from the period of 1st March 2011 until the sale of Blenheim Cottage in 2015 it was not let as a holiday let to anyone. My tenants did have the assurance of a rental agreement, other than Zoe and Charlie, who's agreement as I said was a gentleman's agreement and all of these agreements did include a decent time of notice of vacation, if a buyer was found for their own protection. They were more than happy to allow viewings as they all desperately needed a residential home.

I hope that clarifies a few points

Rebecca Cameron