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

Address: Willows Hotel, Granville Road, Totland Totland Bay, Isle Of Wight PO39 0AZ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:I have absolutely no objection to this property being changed to officially be a permanent residence as it has been for many years. I was the joint owner of Blenheim House and Blenheim Cottage. I purchased Blenheim house and cottage in May 2001. I separated with my husband Anthony Robson and we were divorced on 13th January 2011. I was ordered to put Blenheim House and Cottage on the market on 1st March 2011 - My court order was previously submitted to you as evidence.

Mr Robson stayed in the cottage up to our divorce. I had to cease letting out Blenheim Cottage as a holiday let as I was told by the court it had to be available for viewings at the drop of the hat..not something I could do with holiday makers staying in the cottage. So rather than being able to let for more lucrative rentals I had to find local residential lets, on short term tenancy agreements, on the proviso that I could do viewings on the cottage and that they would vacate quickly if I found a purchaser. I had a buyer for the cottage in August 2013 but Mr Robson refused to allow the sale to go through. Forcing me to go back to court several times. In 2015 Mr Robson was forced by the courts to allow the sale of the cottage to proceed with the now current owner of Blenheim Cottage.

So 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 and was on the market. I was asked to put in a homeless family, Gareth and Tayna Davy in November 2012 and they stayed until October 2013. They were on housing Benefit. Then Mick Urry rented it from December 2013 to August 2014. Mr and Mrs Rodger Clark followed from October 2014 to Jan 2015. My last Tenant was Antonia Demitress from January 2015 to Mach 2015. None of them had other homes and so cannot be classed as holiday cottage rental lets as the cottage was their permanent residential address at the time of their rental period.

Given this information and as Blenheim Cottage has not been used as a holiday cottage let for more than 12 years, the Council must allow a Lawful Development Certificate for continued use of property as a permanent residential dwelling. If the council would like more evidence they are free to contact me.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs Rebecca Cameron