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Proposal: Change of use from use class A1 (shop) to use class A2 (financial and professional services)
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For the attention of

Jo Morin
Case Officer

Dear Ms Morin,

Re: Planning Application AWDM/0770/14

I am writing to you concerning the proposal to change the use of 61 North Road, Lancing from class A1 use to class A2 use.
I have been advised today by the proposer, Robert Luff, that the application for change of use has been turned down because the council do not want to lose any more retail premises in Lancing village.
I am the current tenant of 61 North Road, Lancing, trading as Facets Gift Emporium. I would like to point out that trading as a retail premises in Lancing is no longer viable. With high rent, high utility charges, council tax as well as the day to day running costs of maintaining a business I can no longer afford to keep my shop open. The chance for me to walk away from the remainder of my lease by transferring it to Robert Luff would have ensured the premises continued trading all be it as an estate agent and not a retail outlet.
I note from two documents relating to this application, the first concerning the possibility that a betting shop could take on the premises. I am not sure who raised this concern but it is highly unlikely that a) Robert Luff would consider setting up as a bookie after converting the premises to an estate agent and b) the Landlord would to agree to a bookmaker occupying his premises. However, a stipulation in the change of use that it can only be used as an estate agent would, I'm sure, have been acceptable to Haris Kasuji of rrplanning who raised this concern.
With regard to the document from Frances Smith concerning the loss of retail shops in Lancing by stating that creating office space will not encourage investment from other retailers is disappointing considering she has been to see me to express her sadness at my closure.
Has the decision been based solely on these two documents? What would Adur Council prefer? An estate agent of good reputation or an empty shop that will remain vacant for the next 3 1/2 years. Because they are the only options that are available.

I don't know where we go from here, I don't know if Robert Luff and his agent will appeal the application or not. But I am asking you this, if the refusal to grant planning application cannot be reconsidered then I will cease trading as a retailer in Lancing village and the shop will remain closed until my lease expires at the end of January 2018 because

despite every effort to continue trading over the past 6 years I can no longer continue trading at a loss. It just isn't worth it.

I hope you can reconsider your decision not only for myself and my family's wellbeing but for the wellbeing of Lancing village.

Yours sincerely

Kris Pillai
Proprietor
Facets Gift Emporium
61 North Road, Lancing

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