Adur District Council

Planning, Regeneration and Wellbeing

Owner/Occupier
21 Riverside Road
SHOREHAM-BY-SEA
BN43 5RB

Date:21 March 2012

My Ref: AWDM/0378/12

Dear Sir/Madam,

Rear of 31 Riverside Road, Shoreham-by-Sea: Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of land (covered by water at high tide) on west side of causeway as a mooring for a houseboat used as a self-contained dwelling (AWDM/0378/12)

I am writing to notify you of the above application for a certificate of lawfulness.

Under section 191 of the Town and Country Planning act 1990 (as amended), the Council is obliged to grant a Certificate if, on the balance of probability, the use as a mooring for a residential houseboat was commenced more than 10 years ago and has continued since that time (thereby being outside the scope of enforcement action under section 171B of the Act).

Please note that this type of application has to be decided solely on the basis of whether or not the use commenced more than 10 years ago and not on the basis of whether there are any planning or other objections to it. It is the use of the land for mooring a houseboat used as a dwelling that is the relevant factor, not whether the same houseboat has been on the site throughout the 10 year period. The applicant claims that the existing houseboat called 'Renata' has been on the site since 2006 when it replaced his previous houseboat called 'Hannah Nui' which he states was then in the same position as 'Renata' is now. He states 'Hannah Nui' had been in this position on the site since 2001 (but was moved alongside the jetty in 2006).

The application and supporting documents, plans, etc can be inspected at the Civic Centre, Ham Road, Shoreham-by-Sea during normal working hours (9am-5pm Mon-Fri) or on the Council's website under 'P' 'Planning applications – view on-line using Public Access' and inputting the application number AWDM/0378/12. The direct link to the webpage is:-

http://planning.adur-worthing.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=M14QGXCB01M00

If you have any information to either verify or dispute that the use of this site as a mooring for a residential houseboat has taken place continuously for as long as 10 years, please write and let me know by no later than 11 April 2012.

Yours faithfully,

Hannah Barker
Planning Officer

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