



512, CHEPSTOW ROAD
NEWPORT
NP19 9DB.
24TH AUGUST 2015.

REF: BLAKE MORGAN SOLICITORS.

THEIR REF JAB/462095.9.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT IN RESPECT OF VAUXPLUS (ceased trading).

Holders BARRY COPPEL + HEATHER EVANS.

Dear Mrs Noble,

I have been advised to write to you to appeal against the outstanding debt.

The facts are as follows:

1) For some years I was the permit holder in respect of the premises known as Vauxplus, situate at The Old Foundry, Caerleon N183NN. My partner, Richard EVANS was responsible for all dealings with the, as it was DoE.

2) I retired from the business in November 2013 and prior to retiring I spoke to a gentleman on the telephone at your St. Mellor's office. I cannot recall his name but I would have made a note of it in the desk diary for that day. He advised me that it would be no problem to transfer or re-issue the permit and he would telephone back with further details and send the relevant paperwork. Shortly after this I went on holiday for 2 weeks and was rather unceremoniously retired on my return by Mr EVANS and his new partner Mrs. Lisa Ann RICHARDS.

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3). Having heard no more and with no access to the business I assumed all would be in order since it continued to dismantle vehicles.

Shortly after I had an extended (3 months) holiday in Italy.

4). On my return I discovered that the partnership between Mr EVANS and Mrs RICHARDS had broken up and Mrs. RICHARDS had set the business up as a limited company in her son's name (GRIFFINBITZ Ltd).

5). On the inception of GRIFFINBITZ I understand Mrs. RICHARDS destroyed all records, including the diary I had made notes in, relating to VAUXPUS. I was told by one of my ex-employees who continued to work for Mrs. RICHARDS that she subsequently ripped up and burned all correspondence addressed to VAUXPUS, Richard EVANS, or myself, causing a considerable inconvenience, as this problem illustrates.

6). On my return from Italy I signed a letter rescinding my responsibility for the licence which I understood allowed Mrs. RICHARDS to take it over. I was not aware of any problems at this stage.

7). I have spoken to Tony BRITON who I understand is responsible for the supervision of the premises on behalf of yourselves and he

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indicated that he has had problems with contacting Mrs RICHARDS and the submission of the relevant documentation.

7). Although I have now been informed that I should have formally surrendered the licence I was not made aware of that at the time and I was given the impression that a transfer, as it related to the same, premises would not be a problem. This coupled with the fact that Mrs. RICHARDS destruction of any correspondence addressed to me made it impossible to know whether there was a problem.

In view of the facts outlined above, and our previous good record with the DoE I respectfully ask that consideration be given to the cancellation of the invoice that gave rise to this debt accruing to me.

I am,

Yours Faithfully

 BARRY COPEN.

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