Lawful Development Questionnaire

Application Number: DC/24/0375

Applicant: L Dube

Site address Redwood House, 63 Cedar Drive, Southwater.

Activity: Lawful Development Certificate

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2 Camelot Close
Southwater
West Sussex
RH13 9XP

1. **Do you know the site and if so from about what date and how e.g. because you are a neighbour or have been there or seen activity etc.**

We live next door but one and have been living in our property for 23 years so know the site well. The applicant has been at this address for around 10 years. The detached garage extension/build took place early 2018 which did not have any building/planning permissions in place before commencing or change of use. The garage has not been fully completed and has remained unfinished, at the beginning various builder worked on the project one put in a window then that was taken out and a glazed white upvc door with letterbox was added (this is still partly covered with protective tape). This has never been lived during the past 6 years, but used for storage. The main house has been infrequently lived in during the past 10 year. I was also under the impression the garage was to be a home office.

2. **Do you know who operates from the site or lives there if so who?**

The main applicant named as L Dube. Other people who use the main property are her partner and daughter. Other people appear occasionally at the same time due to the volume of vehicles and have stayed over together with associated noise. The property has been rarely occupied consistently. Businesses are also noted for this address. The residency has been erratic throughout this 10 year period. Over the past ten years I have spoken to her about once, they have no relationships with neighbours as far as I can ascertain, but do communicate occasionally, normally when something is required, with my neighbour at No. 1 Camelot Close.

3. **Are you aware of the activity described above and if so from when. How would you describe what goes on or what is there? What do you know of the**

use or development that exists and how do you know? Does it affect you in any way I.e. noise, traffic, views?

No, we are not aware of anyone living in the garage nor were we aware of it being converted into possible living space with the intention of it turning into a dwelling at the time or since. It currently remains unfinished and used as a form of storage. A previous application to extend up on the garage was rejected. It is unattractive to look at and has been an eyesore for a very long time.

Yes, it does affect us. Currently it remains unused apart from access to storage and occasionally cars parked in front. This would make a considerable difference to noise/traffic should this be made.

The rear of the 'garage' is concern, the rendering is dreadful as per the actual build and flat roof which is covered with black sheeting. If attached to their property it wouldn't be a problem to convert, however it is a stand alone. The garage sides onto Camelot Close with 104 houses, inconsiderate parking would be a huge issue and dangerous so near a junction.

4. **Would you like to tell the Council anything else that you think the Council ought to be aware of at the site?**

An up-to-date site visit would be appreciated although little has changed since the visit in 2022. We also had a visit from the police which is unusual in this area which caused us some concern. We have also had random people sitting outside on the grass during the night when no one is home, also worrying.