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Tribunal Decision

Appellant: Porsha Hilton

Appeal Property: Public House and Premises, The Unicorn Inn, Albion Road, Pontypool NP4 6LE

Appeal number: 694533267286/285NV17/75

The Matter Appealed against: 2017 Rating List

Date of Hearing: 11th February 2020

Appearances: Mr M Allen, the respondent Valuation Officer

Date of Decision: 11th February 2020

Decision of Tribunal: Appeal Dismissed

Members of the Tribunal: Mr T W Jones (Chair), Mrs L M Thomas and Mr W D Weeks

Tribunal Clerk: Mrs M S Minty

Background: Reasons for Tribunal's Decision:

1. The Clerk reported that the Appellant had returned the VTW's Proforma form indicating her wish for the appeal to be heard in her absence; however, no written submission was supplied to support her contentions, as stated within the proposal, that the subject property was a food led business and not a Public House.
2. The Valuation Officer explained that following his discussions with the Appellant, the Appellant had only provided him with eight property addresses and their Rateable Values (RV) she considered to be comparable to the subject property. Those properties had lower Rateable Values than the appeal property. Consequently, for lack of prosecution of providing evidence to support her contentions made on the grounds of the proposal, the Valuation Officer requested that the Tribunal dismiss the appeal in the absence of the Appellant.
3. Having considered the above information, the Tribunal determined to dismiss the subject appeal in the absence of every party other than the Valuation Officer, in accordance with Regulation 30(4) of the Non-Domestic Rating (Alterations of Lists and Appeals) (Wales) Regulations 2005.

Appeal Dismissed

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