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Tribunal Decision

Appellant: HS Consultancy Group agent for The Bell Hotel & Restaurant Ltd (Occupier)

Appeal Address: Public House and Premises, The Bell Inn, Skenfrith, Abergavenny NP7 8UH

Appeal number: 684034469542/537NV17/42

The Matter Appealed against: 2017 Non-Domestic Rating List

Date of Hearing: 6 September 2023

Appearances: Mr J Meyrick, Valuation Officer

Date of Decision: 13 September 2023

Decision of Tribunal: Appeal Dismissed

Members of the Tribunal: Mr H Pattrick (Chairperson), Mrs C L Uzzell and Ms E Jones

Tribunal Clerk: Mrs M S Minty

Background: Reasons for Tribunal's Decision:

1. Mr P Walmsley, agent, requested the Tribunal to consider his request for a short adjournment in his absence, provided in an email dated 5 September 2023. It was noted that an adjournment was being sought to enable Mr Walmsley to obtain lease terms and rental information.
2. Mr Meyrick requested that the appeal be dismissed due to the appeal processes not being followed and lack of prosecution by the agent. He explained that he had taken over the appeal in early 2023, however, correspondence had been sent to the agent in August 2021 and on 18 August 2023. Having discussed two other appeals with the agent in relation to a Tribunal held in July 2023, Mr Walmsley had stated he would be in touch with regard to the subject appeal, unfortunately no contact had been received until the adjournment request.
3. Having considered the information provided, the Tribunal concluded that the agent had failed to follow the appeal process and lacked in the prosecution of the appeal. Therefore, the Tribunal determined to dismiss the appeal.