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Tribunal Decision

Appellant: HS Consultancy Group agent for Brown Bears Coffee House Ltd (Occupier)

Appeal Address: Shop and Premises, 5 The Parade, Cwmbran NP44 1QR

Appeal number: 694534666600/285NV17/72

The Matter Appealed against: 2017 Non-Domestic Rating List

Date of Hearing: 6 September 2023

Appearances: Mr D Price, 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 Price requested that the appeal be dismissed due to the appeal processes not being followed and lack of prosecution by the agent. Correspondence had been sent to the agent on several occasions inviting discussion in accordance with programming, request for contentions was sent on 19 June 2023 and on 23 June 2023 a full list of all the agent cases was sent inviting discussions. No response had been received from the agent 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.