TRIBIWNLYS PRISIO CYMRU - VALUATION TRIBUNAL FOR WALES

Tribunal Decision

Appellant: HS Consultancy Group agent for Phil James Upholstery (Occupier)

Appeal Address: Factory and Premises, 93 Springvale Industrial Estate, Cwmbran NP44 5BH

Appeal number: 694533994128/285NV17/86

The Matter Appealed against: 2017 Non-Domestic Rating List

Date of Hearing: 6 September 2023

Appearances: Mr M Allen, 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. In an email dated 5 September 2023, the agent, Mr P Walmsley, requested the Tribunal, in his absence, to consider a short adjournment of the subject appeal to enable him to obtain lease terms and rental information.

2. Mr Allen objected to an adjournment and requested that the appeal be dismissed due to the appeal processes not having been adhered to by the agent and lack of prosecution. He explained that correspondence had been sent to the agent individually and to his agency en masse. On 2 August 2023, correspondence was sent to the agent seeking his contentions. An inspection of the appeal property was conducted on 17 August by Mr Allen, following which he wrote to the agent on 24 August 2023 outlining his thoughts and processes. 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.