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Appellant: W M Properties Ltd

Appeal property: National Westminster Bank Ltd, Bridge Street, Dolgellau, LL40 1AU

Appeal number: 681033343220/285NV17

The Matter Appealed against: 2017 Non-Domestic Rating List

Date of Hearing: 24 October 2023

Appearances: Mrs M O'Connor (for the respondent Valuation Officer)

Date of Decision: 29 October 2023

Decision of Tribunal: Appeal Dismissed

Members of the Tribunal: Mr Rh Prytherch (Chairperson), Mr B Bagnall & Mrs A Lawson

Tribunal Clerk: Mrs C Jones

Summary of the Case

The Clerk reported that an email had been sent from Mr Fiaz at 17:23 the day prior to the hearing. A completed attendance proforma was attached indicating that he wished to attend the hearing via Zoom. Mr Fiaz stated there had been an oversight in relation to sending the proforma within 7 days prior to the hearing and apologised for this.

The Clerk explained she had not seen Mr Fiaz's email until the morning of the hearing. She had telephoned the appellant before the hearing and had spoken to a member of staff to explain the VTW Best Practice Protocol 2a(a) (Remote Hearings Through the Use of Video Conferencing Software). The Clerk agreed to put forward a request for an adjournment at the hearing, in the appellant's absence.

Mrs O'Connor responded to the adjournment request by stating that the appeal had already been postponed at least twice previously. The Valuation Office Agency had requested information from the appellant last year and this had not been forthcoming.

Decision of the Tribunal

In view of the foregoing, the Tribunal decided to dismiss the appeal.