

Date: 17/01/2020

Ref: FOI13786

Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information dated 10/01/2020 about 68 Charlotte Street. We have dealt with this under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are as follows:

In March 2019 Camden's planning department granted a certificate of lawfulness for "Use as an apart-hotel (Class C1) at 1st, 2nd and 3rd floor levels" at 68 Charlotte Street. This followed a planning contravention Notice (Ref. EN17/0260) and a planning application (ref 2018/1254/P). I attach a copy of the decision notice to assist information officers.

I would like to see a copy of the enforcement notice (Ref. EN17/0260). I would also like to know what evidence the council had and how it came to a decision to issue a planning contravention notice.

I would like to see a copy of the officers report in relation to the planning application (ref 2018/1254/P).

This report (ref 2018/1254/P) was not published on the planning portal. I'd like to know why it was not published.

The information was not published by mistake and is now available on the planning portal.

The premises is registered with the valuation agency as residential and has been subject to council tax payments, but not business rates. I'd like to know what action, if any, is being taken to recover the business rates since the applicant admits the property has been used illegally as a business premises (a hotel) and not a residential premises for more than 10 years.

I note that the premises is still listed as a residential for tax purposes. I'd like to know why this has not been updated.

This matter will be referred to the Valuation Office as it is for them to determine whether there is a change of use and whether that can be backdated.

Further Information:

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Yours sincerely

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