9th December 2020

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: 7a High Street, Clive, Shrewsbury SY4 3JL
Formerly Clive Post Office & Stores

I purchased the above building in October 2009 and ran this post office and village shop that traded 7 days a week and opened 51 weeks of the year until October 2019. The business wasn't growing and profits were low, despite the Parish Council encouraging the villagers to buy local and support the shop, custom continued to dwindle. The principal income from the shop was the Post Master's salary, without that the shop was completely unviable. The building and business were put on the market for sale in 2014 by 2 estate agents (Humberstones and Harfitts). Due to low profits we had little interest from potential buyers.

It was marketed for 5 years until it was purchased by Mr and Mrs Daniel in April 2019. I agreed to stay on and run the shop and post office for 6 months until a tenant could be found. The shop was not let so I left and the business closed on 14 October 2019.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

Baljit Sunder
Previous owner/ Sub-postmaster

14 December 2020

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Clive Shop – 7a High Street, Clive, Shrewsbury
Formerly t/a Clive Village Stores Ltd

I entered into an agreement with Mr and Mrs Daniel to lease the above premises as a village shop from October 2019. The shop remained closed for the first two months of the lease whilst a total internal refurbishment was undertaken. The shop opened in early December with a welcomed response from the village. Trading was steady at first, understanding what I needed to stock to satisfy custom. When the country went into lockdown in March, as an essential service I continued to trade, business however was poor and continued to weaken.

Mr Daniel approached me in September as the lease was due for renewal. I stated that I was unsure if I wanted to continue. He offered me terms where I could lease on a month by month basis so I didn't need to enter into another 12 month lease. After careful consideration I decided not to continue, as I had not taken a salary during my term, I concluded the business was not sustainable.

The shop closed on 16 October 2020.

Yours faithfully

Helen Atkinson

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Dear Bryan,

To confirm we were instructed to market the property 18th June 2019.

We have on record two direct immediate enquiries from online portals and we received few phone call enquiries which developed into viewings. The enquiries were mainly to open a convenience store.

The Tenancy at Will is dated 4th October 2019, to confirm this is when the successful letting took place.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Kind regards,
Lucy