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Development Management Section
Adur & Worthing Council
Town Hall
WORTHING



18 Nutbourne Road
Worthing
BN14 7HS

28 OCT 2025

27th October 2025

Business Support

Dear Rebekah Hincke,

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed, change of use application, for a dog grooming business at 16 Nutbourne Road, Worthing, BN14 7HS.

Nutbourne Road and the surrounding roads are a peaceful residential area, home to a large proportion of retirees, and many people who work from home, most of whom are long-standing residents. It's a close-knit and quiet neighbourhood. We are worried that introducing a commercial business of this nature could significantly affect the character, tranquillity, quality of life and amenity of the area.

We'd like to highlight a few specific concerns:

- **Noise Disturbance:** Dog grooming inevitably involves barking, and noise from equipment. We enjoy spending quality time in our garden, as do our neighbours. In warm weather, any open windows in the proposed business, will make it impossible to avoid such noise from dryers, clippers, and dogs, from carrying across gardens and homes, potentially disturbing the peace and quiet, that we all now enjoy, and should be protected.
- **Six Days a week 8am-5pm** We're also concerned about the proposed operating hours.
Six days a week for nine hours a day seems excessive in a quiet residential area.
- **Match Day Congestion:** Worthing Town Football Club has grown in popularity in the last few years. On match days, Nutbourne Road and surrounding streets are extremely congested. Parking is an issue on match days. See photo of the junction of Nutbourne and Shermanbury Roads, taken on 25th October 2025, No 14 and 16 Nutbourne Rd clearly visible.
- **Commercial Use in a Residential Garden:** We feel this type of business is out of character and could be very disruptive to the area. This isn't suited to the residential nature of this street. Other home-based businesses nearby tend to operate as home offices, with minimal on-site activity.

In summary, we feel this proposal is not in keeping with the character of the area and could negatively impact the quality of our lives, health, wellbeing, and the amenity of the neighbourhood. Therefore, we formally object to the application and request that it be refused.

Thank you very much for taking the time to consider our concerns.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

Mr and Mrs M. Colley

