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Dear sirs/madame

I am writing to ask you for Planning Permission so I can run my new Dog Grooming Business from my garage.

I would very much like to be able to set up my garage and use it as a salon.
My garage is situated by the side of my house and it is detached so it is touching neither my house or my neighbours house.

My business will be Dog Grooming, this involves:
* Bathing,
* Drying,
* Brushing,
*Clipping nails,
*Cleaning ears.

I would like to be able to have someone work alongside me as it can be a lonely job on your own, and also it can be a safer option if a dog becomes agitated.

Even with someone working along side me, I will only have one bath in the salon which means although there will be two of us we will not be able to do twice as many dogs.

Each dog takes roughly 2 hours each, some more depending on their coat.
This means that between 2 of us I plan to have a maximum of 7 dogs a day.

Customers will park on my drive way briefly to drop off their dogs and then return when I have called them to say they are ready (customers will not be allowed to wait or stay while we groom.)
At a maximum, there would be one car per hour parking on my driveway.

We will have a maximum of 2 dogs in the salon at any one time.
To refrain the dogs from barking we will keep them separated at all times, provide a comfortable kennel if they need a break, provide water and make sure the dogs are not becoming hot or stressed.
If a dog is becoming too upset/stressed we would always call the owner to return and take the dog home immediately.

I have already had a conversation with the dog warden about this and he has said he has no cause for concern about barking during grooming.

Where I live is a very busy area, at a rough count around 30 cars an hour pass my house, (more at peak times of the day.)
This does not include the bus that stops outside my house periodically throughout the day, or all the people that sit on my wall or get on and off the bus each time it passes.
There is also a Drs surgery that is located opposite my house, there are numerous amounts of cars coming in and out of there every hour and double parking up and down the street, sometimes over peoples drives while they wait.

There is also a lot of traffic using our road to get to windmill parade which is across the street to us, this has a line of restaurants, takeaways, Londis, a pharmacy, an estate agents, a hair dressers and Tops Tiles (we also have lorries using our road as a through road for deliveries to these places.)

With my business there would only be one car per hour and the customers would be parked on my drive way very briefly and they would not be upsetting any of my neighbours,
I would do my very best to keep any noise to a minimum and I wouldn't go over my allotted 7 dogs a day.
Although it will take a while to build up to 7 dogs a day (due to building up business.)
So it will be a gradual process, not a sudden.

I would like to change the front of my garage by removing the existing garage door and replacing it with a bricked half wall half window and a full front door,
I would like to do this as it would be easier for my customers to access the salon and it would be good for fire safety.

I would not put any big signs up, and would be respectful of neighbours at all times.
I plan to run the business from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.
I will not work weekends or bank holidays.

Thankyou for your time,

Mrs Maria Pearce