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Design and access statement

I am wanting to open a dog grooming business from a 2.1m X 2.1m wooden shed in my back garden. I would be working Tuesday - Friday from about 10am to about 3pm. It will involve people bringing there dogs to me by appointment only. So there may be one extra car parked in the area at a time (if they are driving) or walking up or down the road. To start of there would probably only be 1 or 2 dogs maybe about 2 or 3 days a week, but hopefully in time i would like to build up to 3 or 4 dogs maximum in a day and for the 4 days a week. They would be accessing the grooming parlour by the side of the house, through the gate into the back garden.

The grooming process would involve me washing the dogs in a dog bath, drying them as much as i can with microfibre towels and finishing them off with a cordless dryer. If i am cutting them i will be using cordless clippers / scissors. And at the end when i am tidying up i scoop the water out of the bath and use sponges. Put the water in a bucket and tip it down the old outside toilet we have.

If the dogs dont like the grooming process and bark alot then i will muzzle them so they can calm down.

I would like to advertise with leafletts but to start of with it would just be word of mouth. I will be working on my own and would not be employing anyone to help me.

It takes about an hour to bathe and dry a dog and a little longer to cut them, and it also depends on the size they are. I would never have 2 dogs here at the same time, I would find out all the details and requirements for the dog when making the appointment and I would always leave enough time for tidying up and cleaning before the next dog arrives.