

Description of the Proposal

Dog Grooming and Dog Boarding/Day Care Business from home address.

I currently work in a full time position where I have faced several redundancy threats over the last few years and am currently under this threat again. Due to the insecurity of my job, I decided to retrain in 2014 and have gained a C & G L3 in Dog Grooming and Diploma in Animal Behaviour. At this current time, I would like to set up my business at home on a part time basis until I gain some regular customers and in the future may consider doing this on a full time basis. I have provided details below of how each aspect of the business will work:

Dog Grooming: -

I would like to build a small timber framed cabin in my back garden and will work on my own. I would work by appointment only, on evenings (5.15pm-7.30pm) when I will have time to complete one or possibly two dogs, depending on breed and what is required and at weekends (10am-3pm), I foresee that I would be able to complete 3-4 dogs per day.

Dog Boarding /Day Care

I would like to offer boarding to a maximum of three dogs at any one time. Generally I would accept only two at a time, but if an owner has two dogs and I already have a booking, then I would accept both dogs. These dogs will be staying with me whilst owners are away on overnight stays or away for holidays, therefore busy times will most likely be in the summer months. Additionally, to ensure I can sustain the business I would like to offer two positions per day for day care customers, where customers will leave their dogs purely for the day. All dogs will be walked regularly as required or they will be staying in the house with regular toilet breaks in the garden. I intend to take holidays and unpaid leave, if required from my full time position to care for the dogs. Again, as this is a new business, I do not foresee the business to be busy initially.

Parking is available for both aspects of the business on my drive, or on the street where parking spaces are available. I also offer a pick up/drop off service and therefore not all customers will be travelling to the business.