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Dear Sir/Madame,

RE: H04-0072-16 Crossgate Farm

I am aware that one objection to my planning application has been logged. I would like to take this opportunity to respond to some of the points raised in the objection.

The objection states that they have been to Crufts and other events. The scale of the business proposal is not comparable to an environment such as Crufts where there are hundreds of dogs competing within a very noisy environment which echoes. They also state that flyball is very noisy, I would certainly agree with this but this is not something that I teach. My teaching is restricted to general dog training and agility.

Whilst I have requested permission to run group classes the majority of my business would be aimed and teach on a 1-1 basis or on a 1-2 basis. This would restrict any noise issues, I cannot abide dogs constantly barking and I have taught my own dogs not to continually bark when competing or training. I would be doing the same for any clients who attend for training.

The objection raises concerns over the increase in the daycare side and going into Kennels. I have no intention of increasing this into kennels due to all the legislation that comes with running kennels.

The objection also raises queries around why floodlights are needed on the Menage. The Menage will mainly be used during winter training when the ground is too wet. Agility requires good lighting and during the winter it would be getting dark by 3pm/4pm and therefore lights will be needed for the early evening.

I have also stipulated the business operating times within the application, between 9am and 7pm. I have done this in order to reduce any disruption to the residents evenings. I have stated that I would be working weekends although this would be minimal as from March through to October we will be away competing most weekends. However I have included this as I would like to be able to offer weekends so I do not discriminate against those people who work Monday to Friday and want to attend training.

The object also states they are worried about the stress levels of the cats being dropped off. In my experience most kennels or catteries have set drop off times. If I can be made aware of

these there could be an option to amend my training times, if the drop off at the cattery is by 9am then I could start training from 9:30am. My intention with the business is not to upset my new neighbours but to work with them and bring something into the community that everyone can use.

Dog training is essential for all dog owners and from my research there are not that many options within Donington. Agility is a great way of developing a bond with your dog and also increase fitness. This would not just be the fitness of the dog but the fitness of the owner. Through my research the closest place for Agility training is in Boston.

The objection also points out the noise from the industrial unit behind my property. I cannot say that I find this particularly noisy or disruptive, in fact the noise from this unit is drowned out by the busy road at the front. The noise from the unit has not caused any issues with my dogs and I do not foresee this being an issue for any client's dogs.

There are other neighbouring properties to mine and no objections were received from these properties.

I would like to thank you for reading my comments and I do hope you take these into consideration.

Many thanks

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