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Dear Councillor

I would like to thank you for considering my planning application in the meeting on 29th April 2021. I listened to the discussion and heard the requests for further information so decided to get in touch and provide you with the extra information you requested, although most of this information can be found on the council's website inside my planning application.

The potential for noise was raised as one of the main concerns so I will address this one first. Dog barking would be kept to an absolute minimum as otherwise I wouldn't be able to teach as my students would be unable to hear me. Especially as I specialise in distance handling, this means that we direct our dogs using verbal instructions. Again, if there is barking, the dogs and handlers won't be able to communicate.

As part of the 28 days permitted use (56 during 2020), I ran three rescheduled events at our field. I have uploaded some short video clips to youtube that were taken during the different events to show you exactly what we do and you will also be able to hear the trains passing by due to the lack of noise from ourselves. Environmental health have confirmed that NO complaints have been received by the Environmental Health department at South Holland District Council.

Regarding the opening hours, we have matched the opening hours of another dog business that is 5 miles up the road from our site and within the same district. Planning application H04-0519-18. This business is based at the applicants address where she resides with her own dogs. The applicant also boards customers dogs on-site. They also have an all-weather surface menage and permanent floodlights.

This means that whilst training will only take place during the agreed opening hours, there are dogs on-site 24/7. There are immediate neighbours to this property where these opening hours have already been approved. We do not live on our site so there would only be dogs and people on-site during the agreed opening hours.

We have chosen this location due to the lack of neighbouring properties – when we were searching for a location, we stayed away from anywhere that was residential as we felt that wouldn't have been an appropriate location for a dog training facility.

Having worked with the local highways authority over the latter part of 2020 with the aim to getting this application acceptable to all departments, I can confirm that the local highway authority are indeed aware that the grass verge we have to cross to access our site is owned by Gosberton Parish Council. Highways are also aware that Gosberton Parish Council have agreed to enter into discussions regarding the access and altering it to a more acceptable material than the current grass. This discussion will go ahead pending the outcome of the planning decision.

As stated in the additional accompanying information for the planning application, regular classes (each lasting approximately 1 hour) have up to 6 students in them. Workshops lasting 2 hours - 6 students. Workshops lasting 3 hours – up to 8 students depending upon level. Training weeks have up to 16 people on them split into two working groups of 8 as a maximum.

I understand there may have been some confusion as I mentioned training camps. I have always run two or three training camps per year. This allows students to travel from afar to spend the week training with me. As caravans and motorhomes have been removed from this application, I should alter the name as they are no longer training camps. Instead, I have renamed them training weeks – they normally run from a Monday to Thursday or a Tuesday to Friday.

I have also mentioned in the planning application that we have removable/temporary floodlights. These would only be used on rare occasions as the dark nights draw in so early throughout the winter with it often being dark by 3/4pm. I have not requested to install permanent floodlights. Whilst permanent floodlights would be easier for myself, I feel the floodlights will not be used regularly enough to substantiate installation of permanent floodlights. The floodlights can be powered by a leisure battery. As it would only be for short periods as a class is drawing to a close, this would be sufficient power for short periods.

Regarding noise concerns, please see this short attached youtube video made up of clips from different training days during 2020: <https://youtu.be/D4ssS52VGqQ>

Please get in touch if there is any further information I can provide you with that will help to bring this matter to a swift conclusion.

Many thanks

Hayley

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