

## Planning Statement for Home-Based Dog Grooming Business

### Introduction

I am writing to provide an overview of my proposed home-based dog grooming business, and to demonstrate how its operation will have a minimal impact on the surrounding neighbourhood. This statement includes details about the business operations, client management, and measures taken to mitigate any potential concerns.

### Business Overview

- Services Offered: Our services include dog bathing, nail trimming, puppy grooming, and full grooming sessions.
- Location: The business will operate exclusively from the garage, 5 Mersey Grove, BB7 2FQ

### Operating Hours

- Current Operating Hours: Part-time schedule from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Monday to Friday.
- Future Operating Hours: Full-time schedule from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday.
- Weekend Appointments: Available between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, subject to change once the business transitions to full-time operations.

### Clientele and Appointments

- Number of Clients Per Day: Currently limited to one client per day, with a potential increase to 3-4 clients per day in the future.
- Appointment Scheduling: Only one client is scheduled at a time to ensure minimal overlap and reduce potential disturbances.
- Appointment Duration: Each grooming session lasts between 1 to 2 hours.

### Impact Assessment

- Traffic and Parking: The current traffic on the road is normal, with regular visits from delivery drivers for parcels and food deliveries. To mitigate any traffic concerns, clients are requested to walk their dogs to the house. Parking is available just outside the house, with cars typically parked for no longer than five minutes during drop-off and pick-up times.
- Noise and Disturbance: To minimize noise, the garage door has been replaced with a more soundproof door, and the grooming equipment used is designed to be quiet and is only used briefly. Soundproofing measures help keep barking and other noises to a minimum.
- Waste Management: Grooming waste, such as hair and nails, is disposed of in the bin. Bath and grooming equipment are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each appointment to maintain hygiene and cleanliness.

## Community Considerations

- Communication with Neighbours: Neighbours have not yet been formally informed about the business. However, steps will be taken to address any concerns they may have, particularly regarding traffic. The number of client visits (currently a maximum of eight per week) is minimal compared to the frequent visits from delivery drivers.

- Benefits to the Community: The business provides a needed service within the neighbourhood and supports the local economy by offering high-quality dog grooming services.

## Conclusion

In summary, business is designed to operate with minimal impact on the neighbourhood. Proactive measures, such as soundproofing, scheduling one client at a time, and encouraging clients to walk their dogs, help mitigate any potential concerns. We are committed to maintaining open communication with neighbours and adhering to any additional requirements.