

Statement to accompany the planning application to change the use class of
26 Whitelegge street bury BL8 1SW

Proposal

The application is a request to change the classification of 26 whitelegge street bury BL8 1SW to sui generis to enable us to open a dog day care centre. The proposal will furthermore detail how we would like to operate the service.

Given that there will be minimal changes required to the building and that this proposal will generate employment and trade for bury, we ask that you view the application positively.

Background

It is in high demand with 1 in 4 households having a dog due to lockdown there as been a drastic increase in the amount of dogs due to this there is many dogs suffering with seperation anixity and not use to being left alone for long periods of time doggy daycare ensures that the dog feels more at easy and stress free being with human contact this keeps the dogs well socialised with others many owners do not like leaving their dogs alone while they go out or are working.

Dotty Doolittles is a full established successful small breed daycare in whitefield but due to such high demand of dogs we no longer have enough room for others we are constantly turning away custom this is why we need to expand our business the new doggy daycare centre will be for small breed only and will provide us with much more space so we can provide the best care with a safe environment with constant supervision where owners can leave their dogs during the day and where they will be mentally and physically stimulated through structured play, exercise and rest.

Premises

The unit is ideally suited as a location to run this venture. It is easily accessible and situated approx 2 miles to the M66 which is a popular commuter route to the greater Manchester motorway network. The space required in order to offer this type of service in Bury can only be found in buildings such as warehouses or industrial units but these often have limitations in terms of access to outside space. We have been in contact with the property owners who have kindly agreed to our securing the unused land to the front that is owned by the landlord to provide outside space for the comfort of the dogs. We will put up a 1.8m high fence for security which, at the front of the unit, will be shielded the unit is detached and is fully enclosed with a metal fence surrounding the whole building in its own area.

The center will be open from 8am to 6pm on weekdays and will be closed at weekends. It is unlikely to have a negative impact on traffic flows; we anticipate that owners will bring their dogs at the center at different times throughout the morning.

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There will be minimal changes to the unit as it is currently fit for purpose. Internally we propose to use non-permanent partitioning to create separate areas within the unit. This will allow for segregation of the dogs depending on the number present of different ages we are a small breed only daycare. The partitions will be in line with the license conditions for dog boarding establishments. The external appearance of the building will have a outside area built on from the roller shutter with a fence agreed by the landlord with new signage

Business

We expect the business to provide employment initially for two part time workers and two full time based on the anticipated number of dogs accepted. The workforce will increase as the business grows. We also hope to provide work experience opportunities for local schools and colleges.

We have close links with local veterinary practices and have considerable experience in the care and welfare of animals.

We will check all dogs' vet records to make sure they have up-to-date vaccinations and we will assess them to gauge their temperament and ensure they have had a certain amount of socialization and training before accepting them to the center. There will be induction days to monitor this.

The welfare of dogs is paramount and we will take all measures possible to ensure that they are not subject to anything that causes distress. There will be a separate "quiet" area for dogs that are nervous or elderly and to allow for rest periods between play or exercise.

We understand that noise nuisance may be a concern for a business of this type. The unit is a detached building with nearby car garages .. The nearest residential premises are separated from the industrial estate. The dogs will have company, exercise and stimulation to counteract the main reasons for barking – loneliness, boredom, the desire for attention and anxiety.

Further, to minimise disruption from barking there are various steps we will take.

- there will be constant supervision of the dogs
- the unit will be laid out in such a way as to diminish noise; dogs will be in separate areas partitioned so they will not be unsettled by seeing dogs in other areas
- dogs will be encouraged to calm down if they are getting overexcited and allowed to spend some time in the "quiet" area
- the public will only be allowed into the reception area at the front of the premises so interruptions will be limited
- the fencing around the outdoor area will reduce the amount of external distraction and dampen any noise the dogs do make
- if a dog barks constantly they will be returned home or the owners contacted to collect it; they will be asked not to return the dog until they can show the problem has been addressed

We believe that given the location of the unit and the measures listed, noise nuisance will be

negligible.

Another concern linked to any form of animal business is disposal of waste. We have been in touch with the council who do collections every 2 weeks..

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Thank you

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