

26 Whitelegge Street Noise Document

The purpose of this document is to provide an assessment of the level of noise and disturbance that the proposed change of use of the Unit from plant hire business to Boutique day care at 26 Whitelegg Street would have on the surrounding businesses and nearby residential housing.

Executive Summary- The development is not expected to increase noise levels experienced by the nearby businesses and residential houses. The change from an industrial type building to this Companies Boutique dog day care would likely result in less disturbance to neighbours as there will be no heavy vehicle movement or machinery. There is a Council Licensing requirement for control of noise for this type of business, and we have a proven track record of running this business without attracting complaints about noise, in a large part due to the significant ways in which our business model differs from other dog care businesses.

Background-

Dog kennels can be a very noisy environment when there are many dogs barking in unison- causing annoyance and distress to neighbours. Noisy dogs also upset and stress the other dogs that they are sharing a space with, particularly when significant numbers of large dogs are sharing that space with small dog breeds the smaller dogs tend to get more stressed. This is part of Dotty Doolittles business model- Dotty Doolittles specialise in small breed daycare - and do not accept large breed dogs that would be going to a typical day care. This business has been located at 337 Bury New Road Whitefield for 3 years.

All dogs have a trial before allowing them to join the daycare this helps us to ensure that the dog can fit in well and gets along well with others- we don't tolerate dogs that continuously bark as this would indicate that the dog was not happy with the situation they are in and is not comfortable, we feel our trials are vital for us to run a successful business.

We like to pamper our dogs and provide the best care needed to run a home from home setting-we are the only small breed daycare within the area and in our current premise this allows small breeds to socialise with their own size small dogs, small breeds can be very afraid of larger breeds and do not cope well in a mixed breed setting. Consequently there is a very high demand for what we offer.

We provide lots of down time for the pups to sleep and relax- this is extremely important for them to have time out. There will be numerous sofas & crates for down time to ensure a quiet relaxing atmosphere.

We have a flat situated above us and a flat next door to our shop without any complaints of noise during the time we have been in business.

There is no view to the public from the outside yard area - this will reduce any risk of dogs barking. We will have 5/6 members of staff to ensure all dogs are constantly monitored and not left at any point and are encouraged to stay calm.