

Application Number:	PL/2026/00326
Location:	7 Moot Gardens, Downton, Salisbury, SP5 3LG
Proposal:	Erection of a purpose built dog grooming pod in the back garden in order to start a dog grooming business from my residential premises.

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I refer to the above planning application which seeks approval for the erection of a dog grooming pod to the rear of the property of 7 Moot Gardens.

Proposal

The application form advises that the proposed dog grooming pod would offer one to one grooming, with a maximum of two dogs at any one time.

It is understood that the grooming pod would operate five days a week 0900-1500, and every other Saturday 0900-1700.

The applicant has not provided any detail of the operation of the grooming facility in respect of the management of appointments to prevent any overlap of clients, thus ensuring that adequate off-road parking can be provided. This can, however, be conditioned.

The application site is located within a residential area, where there is the opportunity for clients to walk to the site.

Parking

The property of 7 Moot Gardens has a surfaced driveway which I consider could accommodate parking for up to three cars, which could serve the residential needs and that of the dog grooming facility. It is noted that the applicant states that there *"is parking for 2 cars on my drive, that can be used for customers"*.

It is noted that there are also no restrictions for parking on the adjoining highway.

The provision for parking within the site is considered acceptable to accommodate the parking needs associated with the proposed use.

Summary and Recommendations

Having regard to the limited traffic generated by the proposed dog grooming facility, and the availability for clients to park within the site, I would recommend that no highway objection is raised subject to the following condition being attached to any permission granted.

Operational Statement

Prior to the first use of the dog grooming facility hereby permitted, an Operational Statement shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The facility shall thereafter be operated wholly in accordance with the approved Operational Statement.

The Operational Statement shall include (as a minimum):

a) the maximum number of dogs to be groomed on the premises at any one time, and the number of clients (which shall not exceed one client at any one time);

b) confirmation that the use shall operate by pre-booked appointment only;

c) a booking and management procedure to prevent any overlap of customer arrivals and departures, such that each dog shall be collected from the site before the next dog is dropped off (no overlapping drop-off/collection);

d) details of how customer vehicle movements and on-site parking will be managed to ensure that parking associated with the use is accommodated within the curtilage of the site.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety and to limit the intensity of the use and associated vehicle movements and parking demand in the locality.

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