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Friday, 20 July 2018

Dear Simon:

Re: Continuation of use of land for dog training and exercising

**Land to East of Windmill Shopping Village, Parsonage Farm,
Barnham**

BN/28/18/PL

Further to our recent discussions my client has and is putting into place a number of measures to address concerns raised with regard to alleged dog barking and the close proximity of Field A, the 'Dog Garden' to neighbouring residential properties.

Accompanying this letter are amended location and block plan drawings which show that the use of the large majority of the northern field will cease and the 'Dog Garden' will be relocated to a position west of Field B.

Parking for clients for the applicant's business will be specifically provided west of the relocated 'Dog Garden', again in an attempt to reduce alleged noise disturbance. The applicant will advise all of her clients to use this new parking area. In this regard there is extensive parking available on the site but her clients will use the spaces within the red line as a first option.

In addition my client has put the following measures in place in order to help reduce the possibility of any so called barking / disturbance.

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The instructions that she has sent to all clients as set out below:

- During the summer months everyone who is in the Novice Hoopers Class (not Beginners) who have dogs who get a tad over excited will be asked to park their cars INSIDE the Training Paddock, this is provide a safe and quite place for them to wait for their turn to run the course and to prevent them getting over excited and barking while others are running their dogs.

- ALL the classes will now run for 50mins rather than the full hour (this is also partly to do with the heat). This allows the class before yours to finish and leave the Training Paddock and Car Park before you arrive at your designated time for your class. I am hoping this is going to help prevent any potential change over barking between dogs and it will also help with preventing the Car Parking becoming too busy at once.

- If you arrive early for your class PLEASE stay in the car with your dog until you can see the class before yours has left. Again I want to prevent any barking from the car park from change over.

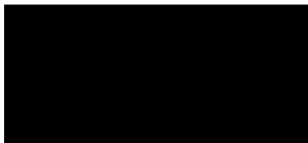
- PLAY SESSIONS. These too, will be reduced to 50 mins (again more to do with the heat) per session. I'm asking you all to please keep your dogs in your cars and NOT have them hanging around outside the gate getting impatient and potentially barky. This will, like above hopefully, reduce any change over barking between dogs during the Play Sessions.

- Dog Garden visitors, I'm asking everyone to actively prevent their dogs from any continuous barking. We have lots of toys and lots of play equipment to help your dogs engage in play, there really are no excuses.

Doggy Daycare - They have taken some advice from myself on some effective distraction techniques that can be used to stop any unwanted/prolonged barking from the dogs. This is in the form of a 'distraction pot', a force free interrupter used to interrupt unwanted behaviour and redirect them back onto staff, the dogs are then rewarded for stopping, keeping it fun and positive allowing the dogs to continue to enjoy their outside time. They are also rethinking which dogs are better suited to play with others to prevent having numerous 'noisy' dogs in on the same day, this will therefore reduce any possibility of prolonged barking that could potentially be encouraged by the other dogs should they be grouped together.

In summary, in the light of the above changes and the new layout set out on drawings 1A and 2A I trust that officer support will be forthcoming as the applicant has put in place 'best endeavors' to eliminate the alleged disturbance arising from dog barking.

Yours sincerely,



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