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From:

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Dear Mr Kirkham,

Please find enclosed the application for the variation to the condition set out in ref G/980536/BA to be able to offer childcare during Saturdays from 8am to 6pm. This variation has previously been refused in 2001 ref B/01/1052/BA.

In support of this new application I would like to make the following comments:

During 1998 when we first applied for the Day Nursery we were the first private Day Nursery to open in Barnsley Town Centre, and as such admittedly we were an unknown quantity, which made the people who objected uneasy as to the impact upon the area such a business would make.

We received the planning permission and have ran a very successful business ever since, without having any detrimental impact upon the neighbouring properties.

When we first asked for the variation on the condition to open on a Saturday, I think the time that had elapsed from our first initiation was too little for them to realistically feel that we had proven ourselves. Subsequently the variation was refused.

However, twelve years have now passed without any adverse effect to the area or people. I feel now that we are a well established business with a proven track record and we are well known in the town. The impact of our Day Nursery is now widely known and tolerance these days has shifted somewhat, with a knowledge that our services are in great demand and parents are in a real need for childcare on a Saturday.

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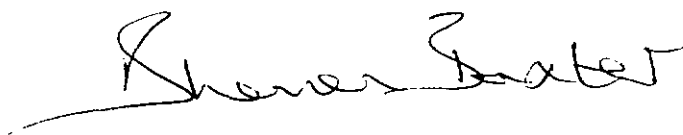
We do have planning permission to open on the weekends and Bank Holidays at our sister nursery in Dodworth, but it is too far out of town for our Barnsley site families to make use of. We have been asked to endeavour to gain planning for just the Saturday (not Sunday or Bank Holidays), in order to provide a much needed service for the town .

Times have changed greatly during the past twelve years and I am sure it is widely acknowledged that these days parents have to work during the weekends, in fact Saturday especially, is almost just another working day. We do need to meet these demands and show an understanding of the ever changing lifestyles of our families in the town. The previous comments on the past conditions are no longer appropriate due to the fact that the neighbouring area is predominantly commercial at our end, as we are almost in the town centre itself. To one side of us is an accountants with dentists and solicitors and the probation team (who work on a Saturday), as well as the various office suites around; including the council education offices backing on to us.

Please consider this application favourably this time as we have proven to be an asset to the area and it's people; offering a quality service second to none. We have adhered to the conditions set over the past twelve years, but we and our parents are becoming increasingly frustrated at not being able to care for the children on a Saturday, we have huge demand and it is a 'need' not a 'want'. The challenging economic downturn has meant that it is even more essential that we support our families, staff and small businesses to make it through the times ahead.

It should also be noted that our parents arrive and depart at all times during the day and therefore there is never a queue or roadway problem, neither do lots of children play outside, or neither do they cause any noise disturbance, as they are mainly contained within the building. When they are outside it is just a few happy, smiling children having fun. WE have also been good supporting neighbour and feel that we have a superb relationship with all concerned.

Yours sincerely Sharon Baxter

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With thanks.

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Thank you. Your proposal has now been submitted to: Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. You should expect a response within 10 working days.

The portal reference number for this proposal is: PP-01222814. Please quote this reference number in any initial correspondence with the Local Authority.

It is now the responsibility of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council to process your application and all further correspondence should be addressed to them.

Your proposal will be accessible on the portal for 30 days, after which it will be archived for up to five years.

You are strongly advised to keep a copy of the application in your own records.

You can download a copy of your application from the "My Applications" page or you can print your application from the "Overview" tab.

If you need to submit a building control application you can do so online using the LABCs Submit-a-Plan service or you can contact an Approved Inspector).

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Dear Steve Kirkham,

Please find the reference number for the application to vary the Condition No. 5.

I have enclosed a letter to support my application.

If you require any further information or clarification, please contact me as soon as possible

Regards Sharon Foxley.

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