

Proposed Use and Noise Mitigation Statement

Planning Application Reference:2026/0644

Property: 5 Parwich Walk, Dodworth, Barnsley, S75 3FB

Proposal: Change of use of part of the integral garage to a dog grooming parlour with new external access to the side.

1. Proposed Use

The proposal is to change the use of part of the existing integral garage at 5 Parwich Walk to a small-scale dog grooming parlour.

The proposed business will operate **Monday to Friday, between 9:00am and 5:00pm.**

The grooming service will operate strictly on an **appointment-only, one-to-one basis**, with no walk-in customers. Appointments will be staggered to minimise overlap between customers and dogs arriving and leaving the property.

The proposed business will accommodate approximately **four dogs per day.**

Owners will drop off and collect their dogs using the property's existing **double driveway**, meaning customer vehicles can arrive and leave the property without requiring on-street waiting or parking.

The proposed grooming area will contain a dog bath, grooming table, clippers and a professional dog dryer.

The development and business have **not yet commenced**. Planning permission is being sought before the proposed works and business operation begin.

2. Number of Dogs and Management

The grooming parlour will be deliberately small in scale.

Normally, **only one dog will be present within the grooming area at any one time.** Appointments will be staggered so that dogs and their owners do not routinely arrive or leave at the same time.

If an owner is delayed when collecting their dog, the next appointment will be managed accordingly to avoid dogs routinely being present together.

There will be no waiting area for multiple dogs and no walk-in service.

This arrangement will help minimise barking, excitement and general activity associated with several dogs being present at the same time.

3. Noise Mitigation

The nature and scale of the proposed business means that noise will be limited and controlled.

The following measures will be implemented:

- The business will operate only between **9:00am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday**.
- There will be **no evening, night-time, weekend or early-morning grooming appointments**.
- The business will operate by appointment only.
- Appointments will be staggered to prevent groups of customers and dogs gathering.
- Normally only one dog will be groomed/present in the salon at a time.
- Dogs will not be permitted to wait outside the property.
- Owners will drop off and collect dogs directly using the existing double driveway.
- The grooming area will be contained within the existing integral garage, reducing the potential for noise to affect neighbouring properties.
- Grooming equipment will only be used during the normal operating hours.
- Clippers will be used intermittently as part of the grooming process.
- The professional dog dryer will be used only for the necessary drying period and will not be operated continuously.
- The dog bath and grooming equipment will be used solely as required for individual appointments.
- Dogs will be handled calmly and professionally to minimise barking and unnecessary noise.
- Doors will be managed responsibly during appointments to prevent dogs escaping and to minimise the transmission of noise.
- Customers will be asked to keep noise and disturbance to a minimum when arriving at and leaving the property.

4. Residential Amenity

The proposed use is intentionally designed as a **small, low-intensity home-based business**.

The limited operating hours, maximum of approximately four dogs per day, appointment-only system and normal provision for only one dog at a time will significantly limit the level of activity associated with the business.

There will be no retail sales area, no waiting room for customers or dogs, no large number of visitors and no outdoor dog exercise or boarding facility.

The use will therefore remain compatible with the residential character of the property and surrounding area, while providing appropriate measures to protect the amenity of neighbouring residents.

5. Conclusion

The proposed dog grooming parlour will be a small-scale, appointment-only business operating within part of the existing integral garage.

The business will operate **Monday to Friday, 9:00am–5:00pm**, with approximately **four dogs per day** and normally only one dog present at any one time.

The use of staggered appointments, the existing double driveway for customer drop-off and collection, controlled opening hours and the proposed noise-management

measures will ensure that the activity is managed responsibly and that disturbance to neighbouring properties is minimised.

The business has **not yet commenced**, and the proposed works will not begin until the necessary planning permission has been obtained.

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