

Please find attached my planning application for the proposed doggy day care centre based at Ennerdale Mill, Egremont.

I have put forward my application in the hope that it will be approved for a doggy day care centre, this is and will be a great asset to Egremont town centre. I currently own a successful dog walking business and often get asked if I can accommodate dogs for the day, this has been a struggle as it reduces the number of dogs I can collect for walking and can only allow 2 at most and that is a struggle as my dog walking is so busy.

This is where my idea of a doggy day care centre came into my mind, it has also always been a dream of mine. I feel that this will benefit so many residents from all around that need care for their dogs whilst they work etc. I know this because I have been asked so many times.

What is doggy day care?

The day care will comprise of a main indoor day care room, allowing dogs to socialise, rest, be cared for, for the day. This will include sand pits, ball pools, padding pool, mini trampolines and many more dog toys and treats to keep the dogs busy and engaged throughout the day. There will be rest areas with dog beds, sofas for them to sleep.

There are additional isolation rooms in the building, I will be using these in case of a rare misunderstanding between the dogs or I notice the dog is not well. They will be placed in here until the owner comes to collect them ASAP after being contacted by me.

To outdoor space will be used each time the weather allows, again there will be agility aids for the dogs to play on, ramps, see saw, jumps.

The doggy day care centre is going to be a place dogs will feel safe and secure in.

How many dogs will there be?

The doggy day care centre will initially have a maximum of 10 dogs per day, this will be so I can work alone for the first year in the hope that it becomes as successful as possible, and I am sure it will, this will then allow me to employ more staff and expand. This will benefit individuals eventually from the community.

Noise mitigation

The doggy day care centre will not pose any noise nuisance to local resident dwellings or businesses, certainly no more than the businesses that already operate from the area. I have a great advantage to the building that the outdoor space which me and the dogs will be spending most of our day is to the back of the building next to the river, this meaning it is away from any other properties.

I may add, dogs that would make persistent noise are not right for the day care environment, so therefore would not be welcome back if their barking/howling were to be deemed excessive.

The river is also a natural source that will drown out a lot of the noise.

To reduce noise pollution even further the building has the benefit of double-glazed windows throughout, the windows at the front of the building will be kept closed so no noise can travel to nearby residents. There are 2 main rooms to the building that I can use for the doggy day care, my plan B is to use the room based at the back of the building closest to the river, again this will be away from other properties around the premises, if there were to be any issues regarding this.

Parking

Ennerdale Mill has ample parking for up to 18 cars, there is no risk of traffic congestion or illegal parking anywhere near the property itself so the main road will ne be affected by this.

Operating hours

The opening hours for the day care initially will be Monday-Friday, 07:30am-4:30pm.

In time, when I hope to expand the business even more these hours may go into Saturday, 09:00am-3;00pm. This will allow me to go into doggy birthday parties. Sunday-closed.

Overall, I hope this explains a little bit more about what I am hoping to offer. I feel it will add to the town and will be a valuable contribution to the industrial estate.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application.

Hannah Eldon

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