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To whom it may concern:

There is insufficient information contained within the application to properly assess the proposal.

The Paws Park appears to be a dog boarding provider located in SW London. There is no mention of a licence on their website. The provision of boarding requires a licence. Given the scale of the operation (5 days a week with 20 dogs, they will be meeting the business test, and should be licenced by their local authority). We will need to see evidence of a licence in place for the company at their home address where overnight boarding is offered.

Given that this is an exercise field to be used Monday – Friday 10:30 – 13:30, this appears to be proposing a daycare facility for dogs. This is licensable activity and it will need to be licensed by Horsham District Council. In order to become licensed, the site will need to meet the DEFRA guidelines for the activity and this requires certain provisions being made available for the dogs. This will include some form of shelter to protect from adverse weather conditions. In addition to this, there is a need to provide sufficient staff, so the Health and Safety at Work Act applies. There must be provisions made for their welfare also. This will mostly centre around WC provisions as food and water can be brought to site as it is a 3 hour maximum stay on site.

Link to daycare requirements: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/animal-activities-licensing-guidance-for-local-authorities/dog-day-care-licensing-statutory-guidance-for-local-authorities>

If the applicant does not think that this legislation applies to their activity, please provide us with further detail on the proposal.

From a nuisance perspective, the main concern is noise as there is no public access to the site. We would look to propose the following conditions to protect local amenity:

- The use must be restricted to the exclusive use of The Paws Park.
- Hours of use should be limited to 10:00 – 16:00 Monday to Friday.
- The number of dogs should be limited to 20 dogs at any one time.
- The field must not be hired out to the public.
- A management plan must be submitted to detail how the site will be managed to ensure noise and waste from the dogs will be managed. This must be submitted to this authority and approved in writing prior to planning permission being granted.

Yours sincerely,

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