HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council – Planning Dept
LOCATION:	Delspride, Kent Street, Cowfold, West Sussex
DESCRIPTION:	Change of use of land from agricultural to allow for dog walking
REFERENCE:	DC/24/0515
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice / No Objection / Objection / More Information / Modification / Refusal

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATION:

The site is currently licenced for two dog related activities which collectively allow for a maximum of 23 dogs plus any pet dogs. Currently, I believe that the field caters for the exercise of dogs boarded at the premises, but there is plenty of space to divide the land further. An added activity may encourage additional dog barking due to the sporadic nature of the use, therefore we require a management plan to be submitted and conditioned which includes noise management as well as land management. It was not clear to me what piece of land specifically would be used for dog walking as some needs to be available for the dog boarding dogs exclusively.

MAIN COMMENTS:

There are residential neighbours in close proximity who's amenity may be impacted by noise from the activities on site if not properly managed.

There needs to be a clear map of where the hire field will be due to the licenced activities requiring exclusive use of some of the land highlighted.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS:

In order to ensure there is no loss of amenity for residential neighbours, this department requires a management plan to be submitted and approved by this department prior to planning permission being granted. This must include, but not be limited to:

- Noise management – any screening of the hire field so the boarding dogs do not get triggered by the possibly frequent arrival and departure of customers; a blacklisting policy for any customers whose dogs are noisy; monitoring of the noise levels by the applicant and any staff.
- Land management – a plan of where the specific hire area will be located; waste removal policy.

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