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Good morning,

I would like to make the following comments regarding the above application.

Before the above site is permitted to be used on an official commercial basis for dog walking / training, the security should be addressed as currently the boundary fences are broken down and largely non existent. The applicant states that the site has suffered from unlawful and unpermitted use by third parties which has resulted in anti social behaviour but this is hardly surprising as no attempt has been made to secure it.

The applicant states that the use of the site will allow dogs to run free "without the risk of intimidating other members of the public or their dogs or children " but as there are broken down fences between the site and adjoining public footpaths this is clearly not an accurate statement.

Furthermore, the new housing development at the top of Downsview Avenue abuts the applicant's site and in the absence of boundary fencing there will be nothing to stop young children entering or stop dogs running off site and we all know the injuries that an out of control dog running free can cause, particularly to children.

HEALTH

No mention has been made on the application regarding the means of collecting and disposing of dog mess since until now poo bags have been piled at the site entrance next to the public footpath of hung on the gate as shown in the attached photograph.

NOISE

With the new development at the top of Downsview Avenue , the area covered by the application will no longer be distant from other dwellings and the noise of dogs barking and instructions being shouted will form an unreasonable disturbance to residents whose houses are only yards away.

ACCESS

Apart from parking difficulties at East Wantley, there is also a problem at the top of Downsview Avenue as dog owners leave their vehicles outside existing residences, which often makes access difficult.

In conclusion, for health and safety reasons, secure fencing around the whole site should be a necessary condition of any planning application being approved since in the event of a dog related incident, where someone is injured, who would take responsibility - the landowner, the tenant or HDC Planning.

Please see attached photographs illustrating my comments.

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