

Comments for Planning Application 21/0864/PP

Application Summary

Application Number: 21/0864/PP

Address: The Stables Brown Street Greenholm Newmilns East Ayrshire

Proposal: Change the use from builders yard to commercial kennels for the breeding of dogs

Case Officer: Anne-Marie Turner

Customer Details

Name: Mr John Robins

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am objecting on behalf of the charity Animal Concern. First of all I see from other comments that dog breeding appears to have been going on at this address for two years and construction of the kennels was started prior to any planning application being made. I may be missing something in the application but I see no reference to the breed or breeds of dogs or to the number of breeding bitches to be kept on the premises. I could find no indication of the number of litters it is hoped to produce each year.

Details on the numbers of animals to be bred on the site are very important as the Scottish Government has promised new legislation to combat puppy farming by restricting the number of breeding bitches and litters of pups allowed on any premises.

I've been dealing with applications such as this for nearly 40 years and I think this is the first time I have seen a design for a "Yelping" kennel. I thought this might have been a bid to curb the noise nuisance which other comments refer to as already being a problem on the site. However I didn't notice any sound insulation in the design of this kennel.

Could the applicant be referring to a "Whelping Kennel" for bitches to give birth in?

Animal Concern wants to see an end to the large scale commercial breeding of dogs. There are plenty of dogs looking for good homes and breeders add to that problem. Commercial breeding has also resulted in the production of what can best be described as cruel mutations, dogs bred for popular physical features despite those features causing the dogs conditions ranging from discomfort to extreme pain and premature death.

Of course there is nothing to say that the applicant would breed dogs with any such problems.

However several aspects of this application give cause for concern.

Building commenced and breeding started prior to any planning application being made.

Neighbours say there is already noise pollution from barking dogs.

There appears to be a lack of important information re breeds and numbers in the application.

The inclusion of a "Yelping" kennel in the plans.

The above concerns raise the question of whether or not the applicant knows enough about caring for and breeding dogs to be a fit and proper person to be granted planning permission for this commercial venture.

I assume the Council has made investigations to see if the applicant needs and, if so, has, a Dog Breeding Licence.