



**REQUEST 17727**

Animal Activity Licence AAL0158 issued to 'Trading Name' - Dogs Northwest Limited on 17/07/2024.

With reference to the respective application form submitted on or about 19/04/2024 (date of payment) (Application date has been redacted). Joanne Brockley (Licensing Manager) has stated on her email dated 13/11/2024 @ 6.46pm that: - *When all new applications for licences are submitted, details of the application are emailed to the Planning Team. Where planning permission is not in place, it would be a matter for the Planning Authority to investigate further and consider any appropriate action.*

Please provide:

1. A copy of the email and any attachments that Joanne Brockley is referring to (i.e. sent to the Planning Department) regarding this application.
2. Copy of documents that detail what investigation/action Planning Department took upon receipt of the email from Licensing.
3. What was the 'appropriate action' Planning Department took when they identified the application was false in respect of Section G 'Commercial Boarding For Dogs' - *'Do you have planning permission for this type of business use? - Yes' - (There is no planning permission in place for commercial boarding of dogs, only planning permission is for 'Dog Day Care' with a condition they can only kennel dogs between 7am & 7pm'.*

**RESPONSE**

1. See the attached email below following the new application in 2023. The application in April 2024 was a renewal.
2. The email referenced above was sent through to the incorrect email address and was therefore not picked up by our Planning Enforcement Team to investigate. This process has since been updated and all further licensing applications will be forwarded directly to our planning enforcement team. However, following a complaint received by the Planning Enforcement Team an investigation was instigated on the 25 July 2023 in relation to an alleged breach of planning control relating to operating hours.
3. The Local Authority currently have a Section 73 planning application to vary the hours control, boarding under the original planning permission reference - A/16/83338/RET - to address the issues raised within the FOI request. The Section 73 application number is A/24/96978/VAR and was submitted following the outcome of the Enforcement investigation.

The information associated with both planning applications is accessible via the Council's website at the following link. Please utilise the search function available on this webpage accordingly: [Search and comment on planning applications](#)

Support and guidance on how to search the information the Council holds on this section of its website is available on the above webpage, but is also provided in the accompanying 'Public Access User Guide' PDF document and via the link to the relevant page on the Council's website below: [Idox PA for Planning User Guide](#)

4. The response from Planning Department to Licensing Department.

4. No response sent from Planning Enforcement as sufficient information contained within the email for the purposes of considering action against the relevant planning legislation, policy and guidance.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Planning Searches](#)  
**Subject:** Notification of a Licensing Application  
**Date:** 06 February 2023 14:19:00

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Hi

Please find below details of a recent licensing application we have received. I am forwarding this information to you for any action that you consider necessary under Planning legislation:-

- Name & address of premises: **Dogs Country Club, 191 Slag Lane, Lowton WA3 1BU**
- Type of licence / registration: **New Animal Activity Licence – Boarding for Dogs in Kennels**
- Our licence or registration number: **Not Applicable – PENDING Application**
- Brief details of the licence / registration: **New Application for a licence to board dogs in kennels. The premises currently hold a licence to authorise doggy day care at the property.**

Should any enforcement action be carried out please can I ask that you let me know.

In the meantime if you need any further information or assistance please don't hesitate to contact

Many Thanks

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