

Noise Management Plan

**For change of use of an agricultural
grazing paddock to also be used as
two secure dog walking fields**

**Land West Of 4 Parkers Lane
Moreton-In-Marsh Gloucestershire**

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background to Planning Application

This management plan is submitted to support the application ref 23/01045/FUL for change of use of an agricultural grazing paddock to also be used as two secure dog walking fields.

The proposal is to create two secure paddocks which will provide 50-minute sessions for members of the public to hire the spaces to walk and exercise dogs in enclosed and fenced areas that complement the fields existing use as a permanent pasture grazing.

1.2 Noise Regulations and Standards

The applicant is familiar with the Noise Policy Statement for England issued by DEFRA and will use this guidance when managing the development. Particular attention has been paid to the Noise Policy Aims.

1.3 Noise Identification

The applicant acknowledges that there is a risk of noise omitting from the use of the proposed development because of the increase in number of dogs in the area. This may include, excessive dog barking and owners shouting their dogs. This will be monitored and controlled using the following mechanisms.

1.4 Noise Control

Sound Control

The development includes proposals to increase planting and habitat across the site. This will include increased planting around the boundaries adjacent to residential properties.

This habitat enhancement will provide a natural sound barrier between the site and the residential properties adjacent, the provision of these planted areas on the boundaries closest to the residential properties will also naturally move likely noise sources (dogs and their owners) away from these areas and further into the fields away from the neighbouring properties.

Limited Opening Hours

The site opening hours will be daylight hours, limited to 7.30am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 6pm Saturday, Sunday, and Bank Holidays. This will ensure there is no disturbance in early morning or later evenings.

Operational Practices

Users of the site will agree a usage policy upon booking, this will also be displayed on site, see Appendix 1. The site will contain two noise management panels as seen in Appendix 2. This will monitor noise in two locations on the site closest to residential properties and alert users as to when noise becomes unreasonable.

This will also provide for remote noise monitoring which provide alerts to the owner when limits are exceeded. Noise readings will be logged so patterns can be established and reviewed against bookings. Alongside this the site will be covered by CCTV cameras which will capture noise and enable the owners to review usage and noise sources live.

The outcome of this monitoring will enable the owner to engage with users identified as being high noise producers to make them aware of this and discuss mitigation such as, only bringing one dog, methods for them to personally reduce noise omission or booking at less noise sensitive times.

Complaints Procedure

If any neighbours wish to contact the owners to raise a complaint this can be done via phone or e-mail. Should an urgent issue arise such as a breach of the terms of use a phone call is recommended and the manager will call the hirer or attend site immediately to resolve the matter.

Neighbours will be asked to provide details of their complaint and make a note of the time and which field is being used so the owners can identify the hirer in question and review their use going forward.

Resolving Noise Issues

Should noise levels from the monitoring be unreasonable or a complaint arise from a neighbouring property this can be cross referenced against the noise monitoring equipment and the owner will contact the hirer to advise of issues with noise levels and recommend changes to future use.

This would include but is not limited to; only bringing one dog per booking, booking the field farther from the residential properties or the hirer will not be permitted to book in the future.

1.5 Appendices

Appendix 1: Example Terms of Use

Parkers Lane Secure Dog Walking

Terms of Use

Opening Hours:

7.30am to 8pm Monday to Friday

9am to 6pm Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays

- If you are the last booking of the day, please ensure you vacate at the end of your session.
- Please not arrive to your session any more than five minutes before your slot commences and ensure you have vacated at the end of your session.
- If the previous user is still in the field when your slot commences, please remain in the car, and contact us on the below number.
- Please ensure you pick up all dog mess and put in the bins provided.
- Do not allow your dog to dig holes, particularly around the boundary.
- Should you notice any damage during your visit please report this to us at the earliest opportunity.
- If your dog (or another pet residing in your house) is sick (e.g. diarrhoea, vomiting, kennel cough) you must reschedule your booking and not come to the field. If this becomes apparent during your use, please leave immediately.
- Dogs should not be left unattended at any time.
- Slots cannot be shared; each field can only be occupied by one party at a time.
- If your dog is unsettled and begins barking excessively, please make every effort to distance them from the trigger.
- Please monitor the noise measuring devices fixed around the boundaries, if the display goes above yellow please recall your dog and curtail any shouting/whistling.
- We suggest if your dog is prone to barking you book the field farthest from the residential properties.
- Failure to adhere to the above rules will result in future bookings being refused.
- We reserve the right to terminate any booking during the session should any of the above rules not be adhered to.
- For any other matters please contact us on the below number.

Appendix 2: Noise Management Device

