Design and Access Statement

The proposed development of this premises will benefit the local community by providing essential pet care to both locals and visitors. All dogs on the island will finally have access to a sufficient grooming service where they can be groomed with the appropriate equipment and facilities.

The main body of works will include installing a mains water supply and drainage for the use of a dog bath, and connecting electric for lighting and the use of electrical equipment. The floor will need to be excavated and reinstated with concrete for a sufficient, level surface. The maximum depth of excavation will not exceed 350mm. The walls and ceiling will need to be sound and heat insulated to maintain a safe, comfortable heat for the dogs and to prevent disturbing neighboring properties with any potential sounds and smells. Either electric or mechanical ventilation is necessary to keep humidity levels controlled whilst preventing a build up of hair. A partition stud wall will allow for a small reception area and enclosed shelving will provide essential storage of supplies.

I plan to re-clad the outer walls with stained timber. Installing new windows on all three exposed walls will allow for maximum natural light. A stepping stone path will direct customers to the front door. I'd like signage of my business name to be installed on the side of the building and an a-frame sign to display a description of my products and services.

The very maximum number of people visiting my salon would be, on average, 5 people a day. This would be quick drop-off visits. If any customers are traveling by car, I will ask them to park on Old Town road and walk their dog to the premises to prevent repeated traffic down Trench Lane. I will meet disabled customers at their vehicle to pick the dog up from there, however, payment may need to be carried out at the premises so these disabled customers would be required to drive down Trench Lane to do so (I expect this would be a rare occasion). If customers are unable to access the building for payment, I will request a BACS transaction.