Supporting Statement – Dog Grooming Salon (Garden Outbuilding) 9 cheviot close, LL11 4UN

The proposal relates to the use of an existing outbuilding located in the garden to the side of the main dwelling as a small-scale dog grooming salon.

The business will operate strictly on an appointment-only basis to ensure activity remains controlled and limited. Opening hours will be Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm only, with no evening, weekend, or bank holiday trading.

Appointments will be carefully staggered to prevent overlap. Only one customer will attend the site at any one time for the drop-off or collection of their dog, and there will be no waiting area. It is anticipated that approximately 4–6 appointments will take place per day, resulting in limited vehicle movements.

The business will initially be operated solely by the applicant. Should demand increase, a maximum of one additional member of staff may be employed. At no time will more than two people be working from the salon.

Dogs will be groomed on an individual basis to minimise noise, and no dogs will be boarded or kept overnight. The scale and nature of the operation are modest and compatible with a residential setting. The proposal is not expected to result in any significant impact on neighbouring amenity in terms of noise, traffic, or general disturbance.

Access and Parking

Access to the salon will be via the existing residential access to the property, through a private wooden gate at the side of the property. Off-street parking is available within the driveway/curtilage of the dwelling, ensuring that customer vehicles can park on site without impacting on-street parking or highway safety. As appointments are staggered and only one customer will attend at any one time, vehicle movements will be limited and spread throughout the day. The proposal will therefore not result in a material increase in traffic or adversely affect highway safety or neighbouring properties.

The business has been designed to operate in a responsible and considerate manner, ensuring the character and residential amenity of the area are preserved