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To whom it may concern

Application ref 18/00542/APP

I wish to appeal the decision to refuse me permission to increase my childcare business to a maximum of 9 children per day.

Reason 1. Employing of 2 assistants. I am not employing 2 assistants I only have 1 assistant, who parks her vehicle either in my drive next to my car or on the grass area in my garden outside my living room window thus not causing any issues with the other people using the road and blocking any other neighbour's visibility from their driveways.

There would very rarely be 9 children here at 1 time at most if this was to be the case it would only be for very short periods during holiday times and a crossover when drop off and collection of children takes place.

Most of the children in my care are either collected by myself and dropped off by myself to and from their own homes. Parents who do drop and collect their children are normally only here or a maximum of 10-15 mins and are encouraged to park either on my drive, on my grass which if planning is approved will be replaced with hardcore, or in the 2 parking spaces adjacent to my house. They are all told not to block my neighbours access.

Reason 2. Proposal does not incorporate adequate on site vehicular parking facilities. I can create a further 2 spaces on the grassed area in my front garden and I can fit 2 cars in my drive as this is the

case just now daily thus giving me 4 spaces in total. As parents are only dropping and collecting children they don't stay with the children as they have jobs to go to so they are literally there for minutes so I don't see how this causes an issue there are other people in the scheme running businesses from their houses i.e. beauty businesses who regularly have clients parked outside their houses on the road outside their houses for hours at a time which to me does not cause any issues for other people coming in and out of the estate.

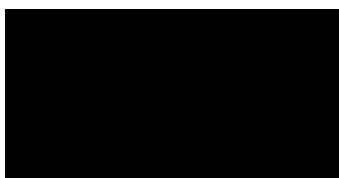
I would perhaps suggest that someone maybe comes to my house during my working hours to see for themselves how my business is run in my property as I have spoke to most of my neighbours and none of them have any problems with my proposal and am sure would be quite happy to give me a letter to this affect to prove they have no issues.

I am also aware of 4 other childminders in the Elgin are whom I believe have not done things officially like I have and do not have planning permission but have permission from care inspectorate to care for over 6 children at any one time by lying to care inspectorate by saying they have planning which was not checked or verified by care inspectorate at the time hence to me they are doing this job under false pretences.

Even if the care inspectorate granted me permission to care for 9 children this would mean I can care for up to 5 pre-school children aged between 0mths and 5 years and 4 before and after school children aged 5 years to 14 years. This being the case I very rarely have and more than 2-3 after school children daily if any so I don't feel this would cause the impact on the purpose of my property nor would it affect my neighbours.

I would be more than happy for this planning to be granted for me to increase my spaces by enabling me to care for 1 further preschool child on a daily basis. This would mean I could care for 4/5 pre school children instead of 3 which would not cause any impact on parking in the street as 3 of the children I have at the moment are collected and dropped off by myself as their parents do not drive.

I look forward to hearing back from you in due course.



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