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**Sent:** 30 July 2015 12:42  
**To:** Planning and Public protection  
**Subject:** Fwd: APPLICATION 2015/3447/P

Re. Application: 2015/3447/P 57 South End Road, NW3

Dear Frances Wheat,

I am appealing to you regarding this application because, as **The Times** points out (see attached) the proposed dog-grooming parlour (Pets at Home/Barkers) will almost certainly prove a lethal cocktail of air pollution for the residents above it. Two of those residents directly above the proposed parlour already have severe asthma; one of them a young man, almost died last year.

As we have discovered, the other dog-grooming facilities Pets at Home/Barkers have, in Wilmslow and in Marlow, do not have residents living above or nearby.

Also, we saw from a **BBC "Watchdog"** programme (June 18th, 2015) that this company, Pets at Home/Barkers, did not keep to its promises of a previous, 2012 programme to improve its standards and was described as "just appalling", "truly awful", and as "going against the Animal Welfare Act" by the inspector in the programme. It is not a company that can be relied upon to keep to its word.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Brandt

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**From:** Susan Brandt [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Thu, Jul 30, 2015 at 9:01 AM  
**Subject:** Re: APPLICATION 2015/3447/P  
**To:** "Chivers, Jennifer" [REDACTED]

Cc: "Deans, Toby" [REDACTED] Lee Perella

[REDACTED] Jackie Bailey [REDACTED]

Dear Jennifer Chivers,

Apologies for emailing you again, but I think this is important.

I am sending (attached) an article in the Times of yesterday which I think you should see (and possibly put onto the APPLICATION 2015/3447/P Camden website). The article states clearly the terrible effects of hair and dander on ordinary people - let alone people with asthma.

Also, I contacted both the Wilmslow and the Marlow branches of Barkers, and - tellingly - **neither** of them are situated in or near any residential area !

I will pass this email on to the Environmental Health Dept. at Camden. I really hope that you can put a stop to this, as at least two people's lives are at stake here and, after all, the council exists for the benefit of the people who live in the area and who pay their taxes and not just simply to follow rules and give way to big business, regardless of the consequences.

With many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Brandt

## Dog spa 'is threat to human health'

**T**he threat to human health posed by the pampered pooches of Hampstead has until now been limited to the odd nip or a slip on something nasty (Simon de Bruxelles writes).

Now the lapdogs of the intelligentsia are being accused of posing a danger to the wider public.

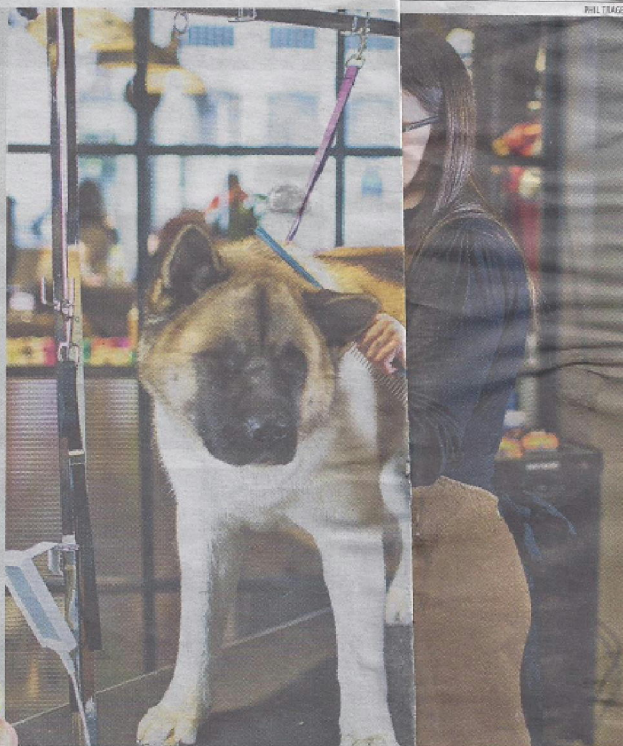
Residents have staged street protests objecting to plans to open a "dog spa" in the north London suburb. They claim that fur and skin flakes thrown into the air by heavy-duty brushing and clipping could trigger allergies.

Leading the protests is the owner of a chain of veterinary surgeries who suffers from a respiratory problem. Rodney Zasman says that he is not reassured by claims that air from the grooming parlour will go through the same filters as used in hospital operating theatres.

Dr Zasman said: "I don't see why people walking past should be blasted with dog hair and dander

from air vents. This can be fatal to asthmatics, as dander is one of the triggers for asthma. It is also, frankly, unhygienic. These vents are suitable for human medical facilities but not for grooming. Dogs shed a vast amount of skin which gets trapped in the fur and it is released into the air when they are brushed."

Barkers, a subsidiary of the chain store Pets at Home, said that the "dog spa" would offer grooming but that any hair would be filtered out.



Barkers sells "premium products" and has stores in Macclesfield, and Wilmslow, Cheshire

Owners can choose from "fresh breath treatment" for £10, an aromatherapy bath for £8, a

"pawdicure" for £15 and a "deep sea mud bath" for £10.

A spokesman said that Barkers

had offered to send a team to discuss residents' concerns but that this had been rejected.

Dr Zasman said that the small parade of shops where Barkers would be already had a pet shop and a grooming salon and that traders wanted to

keep a variety of small independent shops.

Groomers' lung is a recognised condition affecting dog groomers cause by inhaling hairs and skin flakes. Many dog groomers wear masks and use special vacuum cleaners to avoid problems.

