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Dear Jennifer,

I am writing to object to the above planning application.

You have been written to by two separate medical doctors (Dr Sheldon of the Keats Group Practice and Professor Johnson of the Royal Free Hospital) confirming that a resident of Wentworth Mansions (the housing above 57 South End Road) is a severe asthmatic, and that even slight exposure to animal dander and hairs would be detrimental to his health. Dr Sheldon stated that he has concern about the construction of a pet grooming parlour, so much so that he believes his patient's health should be a consideration in the planning decision. This gives further weight to rejecting the application through policy DP32. This policy states that "The Council will take into account impact on air quality when assessing development proposals", and goes on to say that "Where development could potentially cause significant harm to air quality, we require an air quality assessment". I can see no evidence that the applicant has undertaken such an assessment.

The applicant has attempted to argue that the installation of HEPA filters in the premises will ensure that no dander or hair particles escape the shop. However, as has been put to you in writing by a resident, a manufacturer of these HEPA filters (Airclean) states themselves that these filters are not suitable or capable of dealing with the macro-pollution that would arise from dog grooming. These filters are designed to be operated as micro-filters in sterile, clean air environments (such as operating theatres), where pollution levels are already extremely low. Not only this, but these filters would require cleaning on a near-constant basis – once a filter is removed to be cleaned, it would be impossible to isolate the accumulated dander and hair and prevent it from heavily polluting the surrounding environment.

I can see no evidence for the applicant having undertaken an air quality assessment, as is required by DP32. The air filtration system they are proposing to install is entirely inadequate, and is not designed for heavily polluted environments such as dog grooming parlours. For these reasons, I would urge rejection of the application.

Kind regards,

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