

I am writing to request your consideration of my retrospective planning application for a change of use at 21 Waterton Lawn, Stoneywood AB21 9BF. I have been operating in this manner since April 2021, which totals almost 2 and a half years, without any prior issues or complaints from the community. I believe it is important to address several key points that support my application:

- **Positive Community Impact:** During this period, I have made a positive impact on the local community. I provided entertainment to the area during the pandemic, and I am well regarded by residents. My presence has contributed to the cultural vibrancy of the neighbourhood. I maintain an open communication with all of the local residents.
- **Extensive Research:** Before constructing the studio, I conducted thorough research to determine whether planning permission was required. At the time, based on my findings, it was not apparent that planning permission was necessary for the proposed change of use because I would be working from home.
- **Typical operating hours** are 09:00 to 19:00 weekdays only, to limit potential impact on neighbours. All lessons are delivered in a soundproofed custom built garden room on my own property which has been successfully deployed over the past 2 and a half years with no informal or formal complaints. Classes are between 1-3 students with the majority of the group classes being prioritised during core working hours of 09:00 to 17:00 to alleviate traffic impact on the local residents.
- **Transportation and Accessibility:** Many of my students are local and do not rely on personal vehicles for transportation. Additionally, some parents engage in carpooling, reducing traffic congestion and making efficient use of resources. This often leads to parents visiting nearby local shops while waiting for lessons to conclude, further contributing positively to the local economy. The area also has adequate visitor parking with at least 8 visitor spaces (lawn) in our immediate area which is then topped up by on street parking as well as ample off street parking at 2 major commercial premises (Co-op & M&S). During student inductions they are all informed of parking options and expectations.

- Pandemic Response: In response to government directives during the COVID-19 pandemic, I adapted my work arrangements by providing lessons from home, as instructed. This was essential for the safety of both my students and the community at large. My business then grew organically as a result of this.
- Future Plans: My family and I have intentions to relocate from the area in the next 6 to 9 months. Granting retrospective planning permission would not only bring closure to this situation but also enable us to move forward with our plans without unnecessary hindrances.