

## PLANNING APPLICATION 24/00182/FLL

It may assist your application by providing a supporting statement regarding how you operate, for example, which days of the week, and during which hours. Also, do members of the public visit the premises as part of the process? To place an order, or talk about requirements, or collect finished items?

### PKC Planning Team.

Darkfaulds Fabrication is ,a small metal fabrication business I started when I retired from the Fire Service. I specialise in handrails and gates for domestic households ( this was a hobby of mine and I started a small business. The garage that I operate in is large however most of the space in taken up with household items, my classic car and motorcycles which are also a hobby. The area that I fabricate items is on a 1x2 metre bench with about 1-2 metres surrounding the bench. If it doesn't fit on the bench it doesn't get made. I don't employ anyone and don't intend to either as work is so sporadic there's hardly enough work for one let alone any more. Days that I operate would be between Monday and Friday from 10am – 4pm. Never can I remember fabricating all week, max I'd say would be 3 days. To give you an idea, in the last year I have completed 26 jobs. Id say 60-70% of the time that I work is off site installing the handrails or gates. I usually collect the steel from Dundee as delivery is very expensive, I purchase what I need individually for each job so there is no excessive noise created. As an example I have completed two jobs this year to date so hardly rushed off my feet.

No customers visit my address (or very rarely if they need a small item repaired, I do some work for an antiques dealer where I repair his broken statuettes and figurines). I have nothing to display here so there is no reason to come to the address, I do a site visit and measure up, produce a quote and fabricate a gate or handrail then install onsite. If someone did visit there is plenty parking area but its not something I encourage. There is no signage at the end of the drive.

I also work inside the garage so the doors are always closed, it is of double block construction with an insulated roof, even with my noisiest tool operating, id say a battery hand grinder, there is no or marginal noise traveling outside. Certainly not that it would annoy anyone.

Although my business is Darkfaulds Fabrication Ltd (unsure why my accountant made it Ltd) please don't compare me to other local metal fabrication companies that operate heavy machinery and create noise.

You may ask yourself (with the information I've provided) why bother? Well I enjoy it, and it's my hobby. My handrail work is generally for elderly local residents and I feel I'm providing a service and enhancing their safety. I get a lot of satisfaction from this.

My apologies for not applying for change of use for my garage but I really did not know it was necessary. As it is, I'd prefer (if possible)t to be a partial change of use as such a percentage is only used for my business.

If you need any further information just give me a call and Id be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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