I am concerned about this application to expand the practice at the veterinary hospital by Donaldsons Vets to increase the rooms from 6 to 10.

I note it is stated there will be no new employment positions because of the expansion. I wonder how reliable this statement is and if that will change in the future once the four additional rooms become fully operational. I would like to be provided with details of the workings of this. For example, they will need staff to take details of case histories and triage sick animals in these additional rooms, which is already being done presumably by existing staff in the existing rooms?

They claim that the additional rooms will neither increase or decrease the number of poorly animals in the area, but reduce waiting times, but if they are not increasing their staff, then its not clear how they will reduce waiting times as animals and their owners will still have to wait. Again, I await details of the workings of the management of staff and the additional rooms.

In the meantime I have been involved previously in trying to help residents who have been impacted by staff parking outside their homes down Somerset Rd etc, leaving the Donaldsons car park more or less empty. This is not right and it is not equitable.

I understand there are currently 42 parking spaces in the car park. I often drive past and the car park may have a few cars in it, but that is all.

There are currently 25 full time staff and 5 part time staff totalling 30 in all. I therefore propose that in the event that this application is approved that a condition be attached requiring all full time and part time staff who own a motor vehicle to park in the car park and all clients too.

This will help ease the burden that has been placed unnecessarily in my opinion on parking spaces being taken up by staff directly in front of residents' homes.

I believe the information provided in the technical note relating to staff parking to be misleading as it doesn't present a true picture of the reality of what happens.

The surveys showed that the car park was well used on both occasions with occupancy levels (of the reduced provision of 40 spaces or 95%) of between 60% and 85%.
ON STREET PARKING The on street parking conditions were also observed on the two occasions cited above and several photographs were taken as can be found attached to this Technical Note. The survey area included Somerset Road in the two areas north of the site to either side of the junction with Broadgate, Broadgate, Kingsley Road and Foxglove Road. No parking was observed on Somerset Road south of the site. From our observations there was little change in the level of on street parking on any of the sections of the roads surveyed irrespective of the usage of the car park. Indeed, the same cars were observed outside the same properties in several instances leading to the conclusion that they belonged to that household

Thank you,