

Dear Portsmouth Planning Department,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Ashley Taylor, I have been a small business owner here in Portsmouth for almost 7 years. I own Blush Skin & Soul Spa, currently located on The Hill in Portsmouth.

I am excited to have found unit 3 at 51 Islington Street, which I believe would be an excellent fit for the growth of my esthetics & massage business.

I would like to provide you with a comprehensive narrative to support my request for your approval to operate at 51 Islington Street, as well as photos and a proposed floor plan to show the layout of the space.

The services we would provide are facials, massage, brow and eyelash services, and waxing. Our hours of operation would be 9am-7pm daily. We will NOT be offering any hair or nail services, which could require considerations around ventilation.

The space would incorporate 2-3 treatment rooms, and a reception area that would include retail of professional skincare, cosmetics and small boutique gift items.

My intention is to hang one wall mounted sign and one hanging sign. I will have this signage approved through the city as well.

10.232.21 Standards: The property aligns with the standards specified in the Ordinance for the particular use permitted by special exception. The space is zoned for commercial use, making it an ideal location for my business. It is in full compliance with the zoning regulations, and I am committed to adhering to all the applicable rules and guidelines set forth by the city.

10.232.22 Public Safety: The safety of the building's residents, and public and adjacent properties is of utmost importance to me. The property and the services I will be providing have no potential fire hazard, explosion risk, or release of toxic materials.

10.232.23 Impact on Surrounding Area: I am conscious of the impact my business can have on the surrounding area and the community. The property's location and my business will have no detriment to property values in the vicinity. Additionally, my spa services will not cause any significant disturbances, such as odor, smoke, gas, dust, noise, glare, heat, vibration, or unsightly outdoor storage of equipment, vehicles, or materials.

10.232.24 Traffic Safety and Congestion: My business will not create any traffic safety hazard or substantially increase traffic congestion. My clients and staff will have ample parking options along Islington Street and the nearby parking garages. We will encourage appointment-based scheduling to manage the flow of visitors efficiently. There are three street parking spaces in front of the building that are assigned to the building, however they are not assigned specifically to Unit 3.

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10.232.26 Stormwater Management: My services will not create a significant increase in stormwater runoff onto adjacent property or streets.

In conclusion, I am confident that my business would be a great addition to 51 Islington Street, and that it fully complies with all the special exception standards and city ordinances outlined in Section 10.232.20 of the Ordinance.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you for your time. I am looking forward to starting this new chapter for my business!

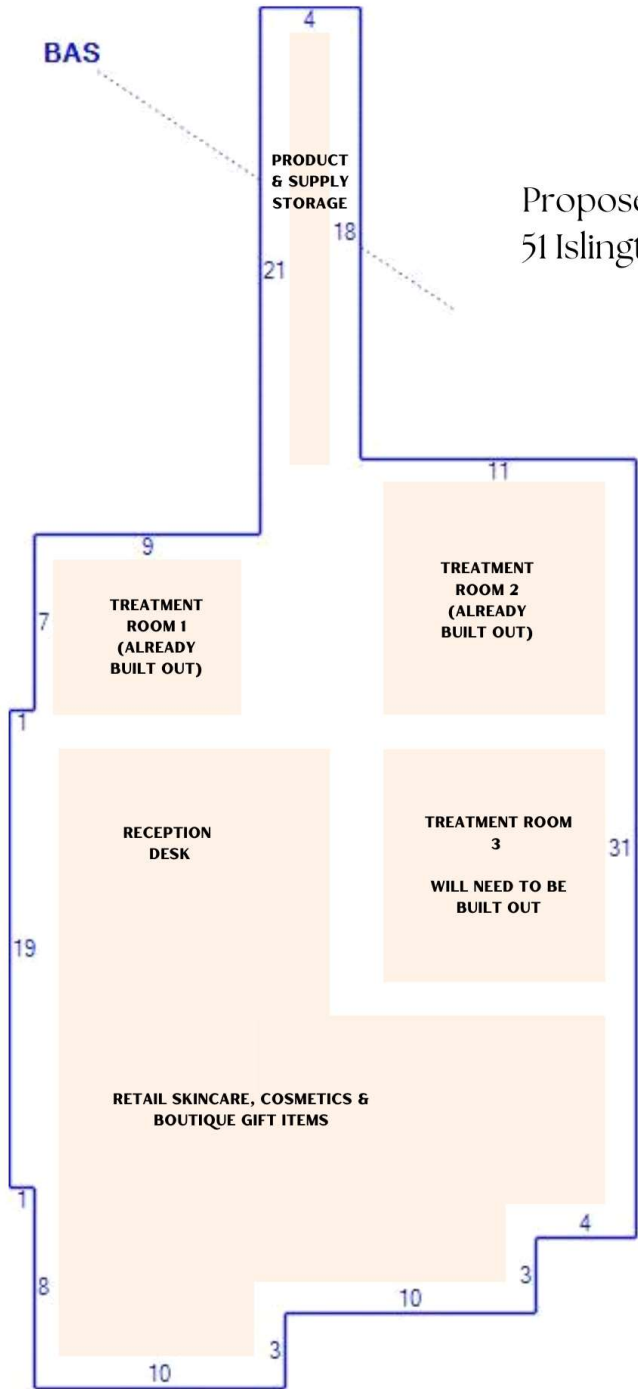
Best regards,

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Proposed floorplan for 51 Islington Street Unit 3



(Note: The following images include belongings/furniture from the seller's last tenant. The

space has since been emptied)







