

Neighbours



Everyone has the right to live peacefully in their home. Living in harmony with your neighbours makes for a safer and more pleasant environment for everyone.

You are responsible for your own behaviour as well as that of any occupants or visitors to your property to not cause a nuisance, or seriously affect the reasonable peace, comfort or privacy of your neighbours.

Be respectful of your neighbours, for example think about them if you are having friends over, or playing music.



What to do if there is a problem.

- Consider if you need to do anything. It may be a one-time incident, where patience and understanding is needed.
- Try talking to your neighbour and explaining what the problem is. They may not be aware there is a problem.
- Work out what you want to say and think about the best time to approach your neighbour.
- Don't leave it until you are really angry or let things get out of hand.
- Stay calm when speaking to your neighbour and be willing to listen to them as well.
- If your neighbour becomes aggressive or threatening, leave the situation immediately.

What to do if you cannot resolve the problem.

- If you feel you are in immediate danger call the Police.
- Contact the office.
- If you think the problem breaches council by-laws, e.g., loud music, barking dogs contact the Council.