

## **Complaints Procedure**

## Stage 1

In the first instance, if you are unable to resolve the issue informally, you should write to the member of staff who dealt with you, or their manager, so that he or she has a chance to put things right. In your letter you should set out the details of your complaint, the consequences for you as a result, and the remedy you are seeking.

You can expect your complaint to be acknowledged within 4 working days of receipt. You should get a response and an explanation within 14 working days. If you are unsure which member of staff to write to, your complaint should be sent to the Office Manager

## Stage 2

If you are not satisfied with the initial response to the complaint, then you can write to and ask for your complaint and the response to be reviewed. You can expect acknowledgement to your request within 4 working days of receipt and a response within 14 workings days.

We aim to resolve all matters as quickly as possible. However, inevitably some issues will be more complex and therefore may require longer to be fully investigated. Consequently, timescales given for handling and responding to complaints are indicative.

If a matter requires more detailed investigation, you will receive an interim response describing what is being done to deal with the matter, and when a full reply can be expected and from whom.

## **Final Stage**

If you are not satisfied with the final reply, then you have the following two options of pursuing the matter further:

- 1. We belong to the following Property Ombudsman Scheme and you can seek redress by contacting the scheme at: <a href="Property Ombudsman Complaints Form">Property Ombudsman Complaints Form</a>
- 2. You can seek financial redress by commencing a money claim procedure at <a href="https://www.moneyclaim.gov.uk/web/mcol/welcome">https://www.moneyclaim.gov.uk/web/mcol/welcome</a>

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