

Barking Dog Complaint Form



Please complete the form and the attached log sheets for a minimum period of 7 days. In order for Council Officers to take action, we require this form to be completed in full with all questions answered, document signed, and log sheet completed for the minimum 7 day period.

YOUR DETAILS

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Address of Barking Dog: _____

Description of Dog/Breed: _____ Colour: _____

Have you discussed the barking dog issue with the dog owner? Yes No

Has another neighbour made a comment to you about the dog barking? Yes No

If YES, who was it and are they willing to support your complaint? Yes No

Name: _____ Address: _____

Are you prepared to give evidence in Court if necessary? Yes No

PRIVACY COLLECTION STATEMENT

The personal information requested on this form is being collected by Council for the purpose of enforcing the Section 32 of the *Domestic Animal Act 1994*. The personal information will be used solely by Council for that primary purpose or directly related purposes. The Council may disclose this information if required to do so by law. If this information is not collected, we may be unable to action your complaint fully.

REQUEST

I, _____, wish to make a complaint in relation to a barking dog at the above address and state that I am prepared to give evidence under oath before a Court should the complaint not be rectified by the attending Council Officer. I further understand that should it be found that I have given false or misleading information on this document, I will be held accountable before a Court of Law for giving false information.

Over what period of time has the dog been barking? (e.g. Weeks – Month - Years)

How often does the dog bark? (e.g. Over a day or week)

How would you describe the barking sound (e.g. high pitched, low growling, short or long in duration or persistent)?

How does the noise impact on you? (e.g. Does it stop you sleeping or carrying out your daily functions?)

When did the dog arrive at the premises?

When did the dog start barking?

Does the barking occur whilst the owners are home or away from the premises?

Any additional information that may assist the Officers in their investigation.

An example diary is shown below to assist you in completing your diary:

Date	Time Barking Started	Time Barking Stopped	Was the barking Intermittent (I) or Continuous (C)	Reason for barking? (Weather, person walking past, another animal, construction etc)	Noise (How does the noise affect you?)
17/8/25	5.30am	5.50am	I	Not sure	Woke me up
17/8/25	7.03am	7.44am	C	Owner left the house	Frustrated
17/8/25	9.10am	9.15am	C	Cat on the fence	Can't hear tv

