

	<p>Council Policy</p> <p>Barking Dog Complaints Handling Policy</p>	
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Policy

Policy Objectives

The objectives of this policy is to provide residents and staff with clear direction for resolving the nuisance caused by barking dogs

Policy Statement

Council recognises that dogs bark for natural reasons and that in some instances the noise from a barking dog can be considered a nuisance as defined under the Companion Animals Act 1998 (the Act).

In circumstances where the occupant(s) of an individual premises is affected by noise from a barking dog(s), the occupant(s) of that individual premises is to communicate directly with the owner of the dog(s) and seek a resolution to his or her concerns.

Where a satisfactory resolution is not achieved, then the occupant(s) of that individual premises affected by the noise from a barking dog should seek the assistance of the Community Justice Centre to mediate a resolution of the individuals concerns with the owner of the dog(s).

Council authorised officers will consider using its powers under the Companion Animals Act 1998 and issue a "Nuisance Dog Order" when at least two unrelated premises are affected by a barking dog(s) and sufficient evidence is provided to satisfy an officer that the barking of a dog(s) constitutes a nuisance as defined under the Act.

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Definitions

Term / Abbreviation	Definition
CAA	Companion Animals Act 1998

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