

Complaints procedure - Information for Customers

For Clarke's Residential Estate Agents Limited (05441145), Southdown Lettings and Management Limited (0570819), trading as "Clarke's"

We are a member of The Property Ombudsman Service (TPOS). This is our customer complaints procedure which allows us to handle any issues or concerns effectively and wherever possible as soon as they are raised. We are committed to providing a professional service to all our clients and customers. When something goes wrong, we need you to tell us about it. This will help us to resolve your complaint and improve our standards.

If you have a complaint, please put it in writing, including as much detail as possible. We will then respond in line with the timeframes set out below (if you feel we have not sought to address your complaints within eight weeks, you may be able to refer your complaint to the Property Ombudsman to consider without our final viewpoint on the matter).

1. Stage One - All complaints should, in the first instance, be directed to the Manager you have been dealing with. They will endeavour to resolve your complaint as soon as possible, otherwise no later than five working days from when they received notification of the issue.
2. Stage Two - If you remain dissatisfied, you may then further your complaint in writing to the Managing Director Mr Paul Clarke. If Mr Clarke is unable to deal with it, he will pass the matter to another Director. If the complaint is about Mr Clarke it will always be dealt with by an alternate Director who is not involved in the case. Your letter will be acknowledged by letter or email within three working days of receipt enclosing a copy of this procedure. We will then investigate your complaint. This will involve a full review of your complaint, including how it has been handled to date, which may include further investigations into the background of your concerns. Within fifteen working days Mr Clarke will detail his findings and recommendations in a written response to you. If you are still not satisfied, you should contact us again and we will arrange for a separate review to take place by another Director. We will write to you within 15 working days of us receiving your request for a review, confirming our final viewpoint on the matter.
3. Stage Three - After you have received our final viewpoint letter, if you are not satisfied with the proposed resolution, you may approach The Property Ombudsman Service (TPOS). Details of how to do this will be contained within the final viewpoint letter alongside a link to The Property Ombudsman Service (TPOS) consumer guide at www.tpos.co.uk.

Please note that if you do wish to contact The Property Ombudsman Service (TPOS), you must do so within 12 months of the date of the final viewpoint letter. It is also important to note that The Property Ombudsman Service (TPOS) will not consider your complaint until our internal complaints' procedure has been exhausted.

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